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INDIA SKIPS VOTE ON UNHRC RESOLUTION ON SRI LANKA

However, the resolution was adopted at the United Nations body as it garnered the support of 22 of the 47 member states

INDIA ASKS LANKA TO EMPOWER TAMILS

Eleven members voted against the resolution titled 'Promotion of Reconciliation Accountability and Human Rights in Sri Lanka' tabled by the Core Group on Sri Lanka consisting of countries such as the UK, Canada and Germany. India, however, reiterated its demand to devolve political power to Tamils in Sri Lanka including holding early polls to provincial councils

GLOBAL PRESSURE TO PROBE WAR CRIMES

- The resolution calls upon the Sri Lankan government to ensure thorough and impartial investigation on all its alleged war crimes
- The resolution was moved after a scathing report released by the UN rights watchdog in January warned that Colombo's lack of accountability increased the risk of war crimes

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COUNTRIES, INCLUDING INDIA, ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON THE SRI LANKA RESOLUTION

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K'TAKA SECOND WAVE BATTLE

2,010

HIGHEST DAILY SPIKE IN OVER 4 MONTHS

677

DISCHARGED ON TUESDAY

1,280 test positive in Bengaluru Urban, which also reported 3 deaths during the day

State witnesses a positivity rate of 2.03% for the day

Even as Covid-19 cases are increasing across Karnataka, scores of devotees throng the Kanaka Durgamma festival in Ballari city on Tuesday, flouting all safety and social distancing norms | EXPRESS

Vaccine eligibility for 45+ from next month: Cabinet

Move allows 30% of country's population to shield themselves

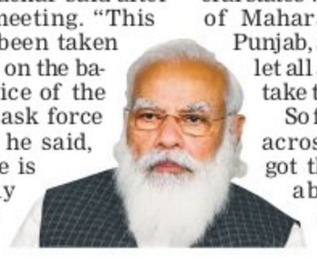
SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday approved Covid-19 vaccination for all citizens aged above 45 years across the country beginning April 1, adding an estimated 18-19 crore people to the beneficiary list.

By expanding the ambit, about 30% of the country's 1.3 billion population can expect to shield themselves against the pandemic.

The vaccines can be taken free of cost in government hospitals or by paying ₹250 per dose in private facilities.

"I appeal to every citizen who is 45 or above to register for vaccination," Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said after the Cabinet meeting. "This decision has been taken by the Cabinet on the basis of the advice of the coronavirus task force and experts," he said, assuring there is enough supply of vaccine to ensure immunisation of all eligible beneficiaries.



The expansion of the vaccination drive comes in the wake of what looks like a second wave of the pandemic in several states with chief ministers of Maharashtra, Delhi and Punjab, asking the Centre to let all above 40 or 45 years take the jab.

So far, nearly 4.85 crore across categories have got the shots, of whom about 80 lakh have completed the two-dose regimen. P10

40,715

New cases across India, 80.9% of which are from Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and Tamil Nadu

202.3

Case doubling time on March 23 as against 504.4 on March 1

5 DISTS SHOW HIGHER POSITIVITY RATE THAN STATE AVERAGE

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AS cases rise across the State, official data shows that the positivity rate in five districts for the past seven days is higher than the state's average.

Karnataka's average positivity rate – the number of people testing positive as a percentage of total number of tests being done -- for the past seven days is 1.6 per cent, but it ranged between 2.2 per cent and 3.2 per cent in Udupi, Bidar, Dakshina Kannada, Kalaburagi and Bengaluru Urban districts. Members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) suggested that these districts may have a higher positivity rate as some of them share their border with Kerala or Maharashtra, or they see a higher movement of inter-state travellers.

TAC Chairman Dr M K Sudarshan pointed out that though Udupi and Dakshina Kannada do not share their border with Maharashtra, they are impacted by the movement of people from the two states for business reasons. Many flights operate between Mumbai and Mangaluru, he added.

"Surveillance should also be done in Mysuru district as it shares a border with Kerala. The TAC has recommended that not more than 20 people should assemble for funerals, 100 for weddings in closed areas and 200 for weddings in open areas. These will be implemented soon by the State Government," he said.

Dr Giridhar R Babu, head of Lifecourse Epidemiology at the Public Health Foundation of India, however, said that a more nuanced understanding of the situation is warranted.

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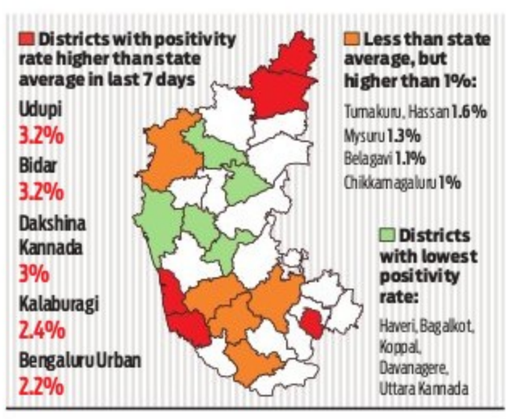

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Dr M K Sudarshan, TAC Chairman

TOP COURT ENDS MORATORIUM INTEREST RIDDLE

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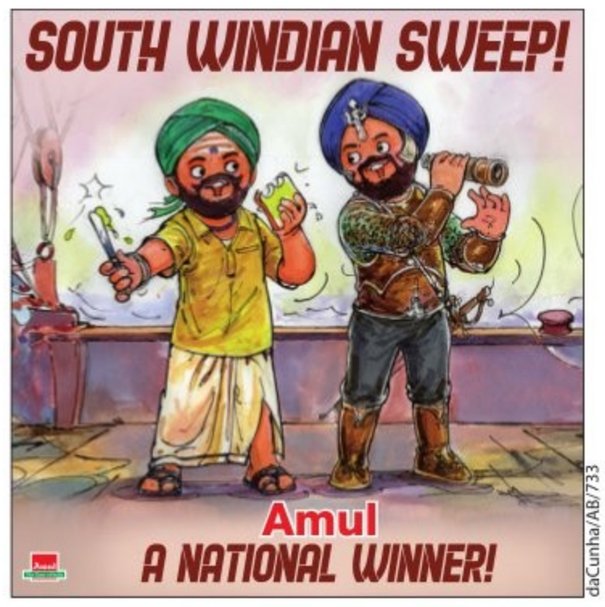
THE Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that compound interest on loans of all borrowers between March and August 2020 will be fully waived. This is nothing but a fiscal stimulus bearing an SC imprint and is, strangely, effective retrospectively. It may also be the first time interest-on-interest is being waived uniformly, which will cost the exchequer ₹15,000 crore. Of this, the Centre had presumably spent ₹5,500 crore.

Hearing a batch of petitions, a three-judge bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan refused to allow a complete waiver of interest on loans, which the government pegged at ₹6 lakh crore. Such a sum could charge the earth and seriously impact the financial health of a string of banks. The SC also refused to extend the moratorium period beyond August 2020

Last October, the Centre agreed to waive interest-on-interest component for retail and small business loans up to ₹2 crore for six months. The benefit was extended to MSMEs, education loans, housing loans, loans for consumer durables, credit card dues, auto loans, personal and professional loans and consumption loans. The waiver will now be extended to all borrowers. Any amount collected as compound interest shall be adjusted to the next instalments payable. The SC also lifted asset standstill on loans, which means, banks are now free to classify loans as bad if they deemed so and make recoveries. P13

'Fiscal policies not amenable to judicial review'

Noting that policy decisions are better left to the government and regulators, the bench said economic policies are not amenable to judicial review and court can't interfere unless there are malafides and arbitrariness



EXPRESS READ

Govt ups PF threshold limit to ₹5 L for tax-free interest

New Delhi: The government on Tuesday raised the deposit threshold limit to ₹5 lakh per annum in provident fund, for which interest would continue to be tax exempt. This would apply to those cases where no contribution is made by employers to the retirement fund.

SC to hear Parambir Singh's plea today

New Delhi: The Supreme Court will hear the plea of former Mumbai police commissioner Parambir Singh on Wednesday, which seeks direction for immediate "impartial and fair" CBI probe into alleged corrupt malpractices of Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh. Singh has also sought quashing of the order transferring him from the post of Mumbai CP, alleging it to be 'arbitrary' and 'illegal'.

Shopkeeper tortures boy to death in Haveri

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IN an inhuman act and that too over a snack that cost a few rupees, a 10-year-old boy was tortured to death by a shopkeeper at Uppanashi village of Hangal taluk in Haveri district.

The shopkeeper, who alleged that the boy stole a snack from the shop, kept the boy locked up in a room and tied a heavy stone to his back leading to his death at KIMS Hospital in Hubballi. The accused shopowner and his family members are missing now.

The boy, Harishayya -- son of Nagayya Hiremath, visited Shivarudrappa Haveri's shop along with his friends around noon on March 16.

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Want SEZ chief's office in K'taka, says Shettar

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THE State Government has written to the Centre to shift the office of the Development Commissioner from the Cochin Special Economic Zone (CSEZ) in Kerala to Karnataka, as the state has the most number of 36 SEZs in the country.

"The Joint Commissioner's office is functioning out of Whitefield. We have written to the Centre demanding shifting of the Development Commissioner's office to Bengaluru," said Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar in the Legislative Council on Tuesday.

Replying to a question by JDS MLC KA Tippeswamy, he said the state has investment proposals worth ₹1.10 lakh crore, making it number one in attracting investors. The state has received foreign investments of ₹55,334 crore, ₹46,963 crore and ₹63,177 crore in financial years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, respectively, while it has received ₹47,413 crore till February in the current fiscal.

"The Covid pandemic did not impact the flow of investments into the state. Corporate companies from the US, Singapore, the UK, Canada, Japan and others have come forward to invest in the state. Bengaluru Urban has 2,071 medium and large-scale industries, generating 4.86 lakh jobs, of which 3.61 lakh workers are residents of the state. We have made it mandatory for companies to employ only local residents for Group D positions in the Karnataka Industrial Policy 2020-25," Shettar said.

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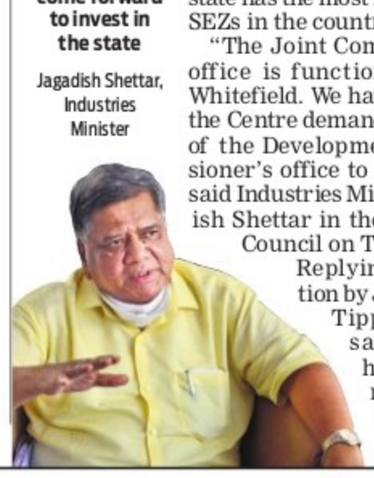

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Wednesday:** 24/03/2021 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
• **Ritu:** Sishira • **Masa:** Phalguna • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Ekadashi 5:38 am
• **Nakshatra:** Pushyami 7:14 pm • Moon in Simha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30pm
• **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER — MIN 19°C | MAX 34°C — **FORECAST** Sunny

Sunrise 6.21 am | Sunset 6.30 pm | Moonrise 2.27 pm | Moonset 2.24 am

College exams to go ahead as per schedule

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EXAMS in colleges will be held as per schedule and offline classes will not stop due to Covid, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Higher Education Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said on Tuesday. He said some universities and colleges have already held examinations.

"The impact of the second wave on the academic calendar of universities, colleges, polytechnic colleges and other educational institutes, has already been discussed with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa," he added.

"After deliberations with senior officials of the department, it was also decided to submit a request to the Additional Chief Secretary, to continue the functioning of hostels, run by Social Welfare and Backward Classes Department," he said. Universities and colleges have been asked to abide by Covid guidelines, he added.

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Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, Minister of Higher Education

With lockdown a no-no, BBMP builds own strategy

Will identify source of infection, create mini containment zones; RT-PCR tests must for all residents of PG accommodation, hostels

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A worker makes arrangements at the Koramangala Indoor stadium, in Bengaluru, which is all set to be reopened as a Covid Care Centre, on Tuesday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

WITH the State Government categorically saying that a lockdown is not on the cards for now, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has come up with its own strategy to arrest the spread of Covid infections.

After official data showed that a majority of people who contracted Covid recently had travel history, the BBMP at its recent meeting decided that it was crucial to identify the source of infection and made RT-PCR tests mandatory for all residents of paying guest accommodations and hostels, especially students with a travel history who are returning to colleges.

"Teams have been deployed at degree, nursing and engineering colleges to test all students and staff. This month, till now, over 20,000 students have been tested," said Rajendra Cholan, BBMP Special Commissioner, Health.

Covid cases have seen a steep rise over the past 15 days with about 350 cases per day in the first week of March to 1,000-plus cases a day now. War room data shows that 85-90 per cent of cases detected recently are asymptomatic. Three Covid Care Centres will now be opened to isolate such people.

The BBMP plans to create micro-containment zones where people with travel history have tested positive and monitor them closely.

Cholan said that teams have also been deployed at railway stations and bus stands during peak hours, especially early morning and late evening, to check the Covid status of travellers coming from states which have travel restrictions in place. Their samples will be collected if they do not have a negative RT-PCR report, he added.

Dr C N Manjunath, member of the Covid Advisory Committee and Director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, said that food handlers and caterers could be a source of infection if they do not follow Covid norms. The BBMP has now advised eateries to test their food handlers every 15 days.

BATTLE PLAN

DAILY TESTS INCREASED TO **45,000** from **20,000**

Hospitals to admit symptomatic cases, CCCs for asymptomatic people

War room restructured to ensure 24/7 support for all cases

Ward-wise case tracking, targeted testing and detailed contact tracing activities being done

Testing teams to be redirected to wards with high caseload to detect, isolate cases early

Micro containment zones created

RT-PCR negative report must for students with travel history, hostel/PG residents

RULES FOR ENTERING STATES

WEST BENGAL
People from Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, and Telangana to produce a negative RT-PCR test

SIKKIM
Those from Kerala, Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka, and TN to furnish a negative RT-PCR test report, undertaken prior to 72 hrs

ASSAM
Covid negative report must for visitors from all states, including Karnataka

MEGHALAYA
Passengers, including those from Karnataka, to present RT-PCR test (not earlier than 72 hours prior to arrival) or to undergo a test at the airport

MIZORAM
Passengers, including those from Karnataka, without negative Covid report to be subject to screening at entry point with a rapid antigen test

TRIPURA
Passengers, including those from Karnataka, need a negative RT-PCR report

JAMMU & KASHMIR
Any passenger, including those from Karnataka, will not be allowed to leave the airport unless they provide a negative RT-PCR test

LADAKH
Covid -ve report on arrival (not earlier than 72 hours prior to arrival) required for all passengers, including those from Karnataka

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR
Tourists from all states, including from Karnataka, need to carry Covid -ve report and the sample should have been taken 48 hours prior to starting the journey

A woman takes a jab at KC General Hospital on Tuesday. The health department staff say they are overworked and cancelling leave only makes it worse | SHRIRAM BN

Doctors dread next 50 days as govt cancels leave

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HEALTH department staff who are already overworked from handling the first wave of Covid infections followed by the vaccination drive, are shocked and upset over the state government's diktat on not allowing leave them for the next 50 days.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar made the announcement last Thursday, against the backdrop of rising infections indicating the start of a second wave. The health department has a strength of around 52,000.

"Yes. We agree that we have to work in mission mode for the next few months to curb the rise in the number of cases. The minister says he will not take a break for the next 50 days and that we should follow his lead to fight the pandemic. But is his job like ours? Is he in PPE for 6-8 hours at a stretch that he would understand what we are going through?" says a doctor from a government hospital which was one of the first nodal hospitals for Covid care.

With the onset of second wave and the consequent increase in patients in ICUs and Covid wards, there is already an anticipatory dread, intense anxiety, and a constant feeling of unease, as though "something bad is about to happen", said Dr Nanditha Menon, a doctor at a government hospital in Jayanagar. "They will be asked again to risk their lives, see their colleagues die from Covid-19, make immense sacrifice in their personal lives to serve their patients, and generally be called on to show superhuman abilities," said Dr Menon.

The Indian Medical Association has criticised the move, saying the state government should not pass such blanket orders and instead, leave it to hospitals to ensure that staff are distributed evenly across shifts to ensure that patients are looked after.

"See, doctors don't wear magic white coats that protect them from fatigue, grief and fear. Pandemics place health professionals at increased risk of mental illness, uncomfortable emotions and moral injury. They must contend with other additional burdens. We know very well that it is our duty to treat patients with utmost care and we will do it even without such orders," said Dr Srinivasa S, Chairman of the IMA's standing committee for child health.

Meanwhile, private hospitals and nursing care centres in the meanwhile, are grappling staff shortage as many people have either not returned from their native places or hospitals themselves have frozen hiring due to a fund crunch. The nurses claim that many of their colleagues are scared of a lockdown and hence have gone to their hometowns already.

Failure to shelter urban homeless is rights violation, says HC

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FAILURE to provide basic shelter to urban homeless people may amount to a violation of the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution, the Karnataka High Court observed on Tuesday and directed the state government to furnish the outcome of the survey on urban homeless people and the number of shelters established for them.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj, which was hearing a PIL filed by the People's Union for Civil Liberties-Karnataka, also pointed out that the state government had given an undertaking to the Supreme Court stating that it would complete the survey within six months. However, in its statement of objections, it was silent about the outcome of the survey, the bench said.

The court recorded that of 64 shelters set up by the state government, only 47 were functional. "We direct the state government to place on record the outcome of the survey of urban homeless and necessary details, if survey is completed," the Court ordered.

After the survey is completed, necessary facilities should be provided to homeless people in urban areas so that they could live with dignity. However, the outcome of the survey nor records on the number of night shelters in state were placed before the court, the bench said, and directed the state to file an affidavit in this regard by May 25.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

24th March: The relationships between Venus and its fellow planets are romantic. Children born today are bound to be dreamers, artists, poets, actors, travellers - and great lovers. They'll need help with all practical matters, and good advice on organising their lives and making their dreams come true.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Several planets are facing up to some of the most sensitive areas of your solar chart, and the tension is increased tenfold by their approach to your sign. Therefore, if you feel slightly lost or out on a limb, don't worry, but be calm and wait for the moment to pass.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Today's planetary set-up is not perfect, but it's still on your side. Your only concern could be whether to spend time with casual friends or close partners. That shouldn't be too much of a problem! If you're making big plans, try to look at them from a completely fresh angle.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Nothing is ever as certain as you imagine, and even if you think that someone at work holds the key, you are likely to be mistaken. In spite of appearances, they are as likely to be in the dark as you. Could it be a case of the blind leading the blind? You'll soon find out!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You could still be counting the cost of an unwise investment or an unprofitable business association, but what saves you could be someone else's readiness to pick up the tab. There is so much to hope for at the moment that you really must believe in yourself.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You are about to find out just how expensive love can be. You may as well throw caution to the wind and spend as much as is required to buy the emotional rewards you so deeply desire and deserve. But have you forgotten all those lessons from the past? Perhaps you have!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The only thing wrong with being totally enthusiastic is you may lose touch with reality or with partners' hopes. Your best chances come from keeping the dialogue going and asking loved ones what they want. You don't have to give way to their every whim, mind you!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Most pieces should now have been fitted into an emotional jigsaw. There may be one or two items causing some doubt. If you have any sense you will rely on your experience rather than vague hopes. And that's before you even begin to seek help from those in the know.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Perhaps your feelings have been dominated by difficulties associated with home, some of which may be practical, while others seem to be memories of what happened long ago. You are now coming out of this period wiser and more experienced.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The approaching awkward encounter between romantic Venus and passionate Pluto is now pulling you very sharply in two directions, and emotional choices are becoming critical. How much longer you can sit on the fence? Probably for a very long time!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Once again the Moon is on your side, steadying your emotions and endowing you with a sense that you are indeed on the right track. In love, you may express yourself as poetically as you like and with as much originality as you can muster. There is no alternative!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
If shopping trips are on the agenda, you may go for luxuries rather than necessities, and if investments are looming, aim for the arts as the most lucrative field. Above all, you should take charge of your finances, rather than being swamped by them.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You may be convinced that you're absolutely right, but you really must listen to other people, including close partners at work as well as at home. Don't take criticism personally, but realise that it is well-meant and that there is plenty for you to learn.

THE PHANTOM

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HARD: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

■ Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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5			8					2
			3	7	4			6
7	2		9	1		5	3	
				4				
	1	4		8	2		6	9
9			1	3	8			
1					5			7
4		5					2	

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

4	5	9	7	1	6	2	3	8
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2	3	1	4	7	8	6	5	9
8	7	5	9	6	2	3	1	4
6	9	4	5	3	1	8	2	7
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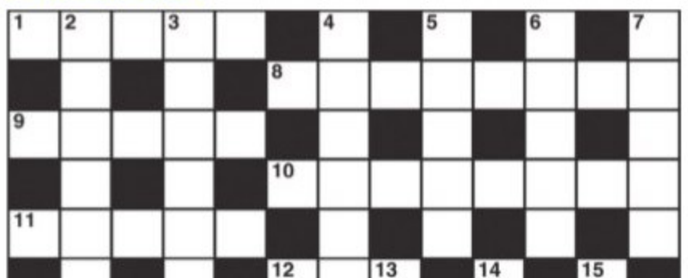
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Stop the ball for hunt followers (5)
8 Pinch your old-fashioned secret (8)
9 It's lucky most anchors have more than one (5)
10 Novel container (8)
11 A cupboard for papers (5)
12 A pound put on for service (3)
16 How one talks with a caustic wit? (6)
17 Lost out to Queen's horseman (6)
18 Epitaph for a libertine (3)
23 Come out and have a peep perhaps (5)
24 Worn after rowing? (8)
25 Tragically without a match, has to return a smoke (5)
26 Meet a number on the border (8)
27 An entrancing gem (5)

DOWN

1 The affluence they enjoy is apparently unmerited (4,4)
3 Being by water liked sea to be rough (8)
4 Walk, having a street directory (6)
5 Wants to sound negligent (5)
6 Book of map sis finally unfinished (5)
7 Used the office keys? (5)
12 A short period near Burns' birthplace (3)
13 Jazz hit (3)
14 Taking offence (8)
15 Inclination of writer to sing (8)
19 Freeze that lasted a long time (3,3)
20 Paces around the room (5)
21 Straight to the point? There is no point (5)
22 They're played for money (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Confidence, 6 Clod, 10 Noted, 11 Eccentric, 12 Negation, 13 Recap, 15 Charges, 17 Take out, 19 Open-air, 21 Conceit, 22 Laced, 24 Trappist, 27 Indian ink, 28 Urged, 29 Ears, 30 Reprobates.
Down: 1 Cant, 2 Notre Dame, 3 India, 4 Enemies, 5 Coconut, 7 Lyric, 8 Decapitate, 9 Unbroken, 14 Schooltime, 16 Guardian, 18 Oversight, 20 Ratline, 21 Cracker, 23 Cider, 25 Plumb, 26 Odes.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TRUTE
PCYIS
SCOYLT
TCESHK

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print Your answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** ENTRY HOUND HINDER CHANGE

ANSWER: They made a giant pinata for the party which was a – HUGE HIT

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa tabled the supplementary estimates aggregating Rs 10, 564.54 crore for the 2020-21 financial year, in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday. This is the third and final installment of the supplementary estimates.

Tumakuru reports 40 new Corona cases

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AS the second wave of Covid-19 hits the state, the district continued to report spike in cases with 40 new cases. The tally stands at 24,991 on Tuesday. Meanwhile, death of a Covid-infected person at Siddaganga Hospital and Research Centre (SHRC) has taken the toll to 266 on Monday. The head of Siddaganga Mutt, Sri Siddalinga Swami took the vaccination against Covid-19 at the mutt's dispensary on Tuesday.

Vehicles for elderly

Meanwhile, in an effort to further ramp up vaccinations for senior citizens, the Mysuru city corporation has made transportation facility to ferry people from old age homes. MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag flagged off the vehicle lent by JSS Institution that ferried over 40 senior citizens from an old-age home in Alanahalli.

EXPRESS READ

Chamarajangar DC meets Wayanad Collector over entry into K'taka

MYSURU: Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner M R Ravi met Wayanad District Collector Adila Abdulla and other officers on Tuesday and urged them to sensitise people entering Karnataka from Kerala to get RT-PCR tests done. Ravi said that they are insisting on RT-PCR tests as per the Central government's guidelines. "The situation is under control in Chamarajanagar, but since many from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Wayanad cross the border, we don't want to take any risk," he said.ENS

Day's Covid tally shoots up to 2K

Cases on the rise, but mortality rate records an all-time low of 1.27 per cent

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AFTER days of daily additions hovering around 1,000, Karnataka crossed the 2,000-mark on Tuesday, with 2,010 new infections bringing the state's tally to 9,73,657 since the first case was reported on March 8, 2020.

The last time the number of infections crossed 2,000 in a single day was on November 14, 2020, (2,154), suggesting that the state is at the start of the second wave. However, this is still a long way off from the state's peak of around 10,000 infections a day in October last year.

Of the 2,010 cases added on Tuesday, Bengaluru alone accounted for for 63.68% (1,280 cases). Active cases in the state

Crowds gather during actor Puneeth Rajkumar's visit to Ballari on Tuesday

capital rose to 10,766 on Tuesday from 7,344 on March 17.

Health Minister Dr Sudhakar on Tuesday reconfirmed that the second wave had begun across Karnataka and that cases are on the rise.

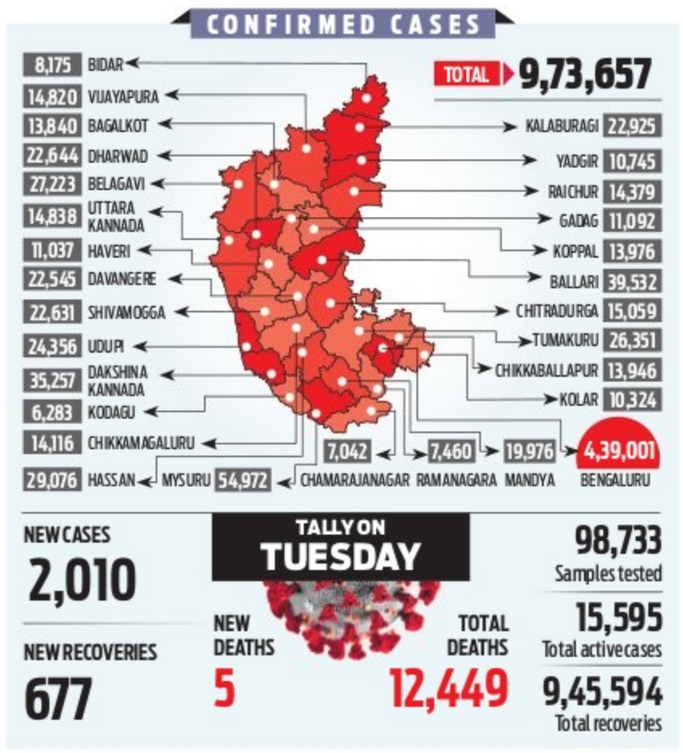
"People should be vigilant and ensure that Covid-19 precautions are followed. People who do not wear masks and violate norms are being penalised. Functions and gatherings should be avoided for the next two months," Sudhakar said.

The number of active cases, which had dipped remarkably in January and February, crossed the 15,000-mark on Tuesday, with a total of 15,595 cases. The number of new infections and active cases has only been rising since March 15, and the number of discharged/recovered patients has fallen. The state's recovery rate dipped from 97.78% on March 15 to 97.11% on Tuesday.

Although these figures may appear disturbing, the overall mortality rate and positivity rate have been steadily dipping. The state's mortality rate fell to 1.27% on Tuesday - the lowest recorded in the state - while the positivity rate dipped to 4.73%. This is so because although cases are on the rise, the number deaths per day has largely been in the single digits since March 15 (except March 19 and March 22 which saw 10 deaths on both days). The five deaths on Tuesday takes the death toll in the state to 12,449.

However, despite the overall positivity rate falling to 4.73%, the positivity rate for the day alone shot up to 2.03%, indicating the rise in cases.

Meanwhile, both Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and Health and Health Minister Sudhakar have urged eligible people to get vaccinated against the virus.



CYTOKINE THERAPY

Fund crunch puts brakes on clinical trials

RANJANI MADHAVAN
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RESEARCH on cytokine therapy, which has the potential to help treat Covid-19, has been stalled due to lack of funding.

A team of doctors at HCG Cancer Centre, which is studying the potential of cytokine therapy in treating Covid-19, obtained approval from the Drug Controller of India (DGCI) last year to conduct Phase 2 clinical trials. However, a lack of funding has put a brake on their research, as applications for grants to both government agencies and non-governmental organisations six months ago, have received no response yet.

Cytokines are a group of proteins secreted by immune cells and help the body switch from passive to active immunity to counter Covid-19. The therapy involves imcyte cytokine injections and takes about five minutes. The therapy, which is already being used globally to treat certain types of cancer, is meant for mild to moderate Covid-19 patients so that their condition does not worsen.

"Animal studies, pre-clinical study and Phase-1 trials (done on healthy individuals) showed that cytokine therapy is safe, potentially effective and enhances the immune system. In Phase 2 we have to involve Covid-19 patients. We have already spent more than Rs 75 lakh and need Rs 50 lakh for Phase 2," said Dr Vishal Rao, chief of head and neck surgical oncology and robotic surgery at HCG Cancer Centre, and one of the researchers.

How it works:

Cytokines are a group of proteins that help the body switch from passive to active immunity to counter Covid-19. The therapy enhances the release of interferons (signalling proteins made by the body in response to the virus, which play a crucial role in early phases of the infection)

Doctors at HCG are also exploring the use of mesenchymal stem cells extracted from the bone marrow to reduce mortality among Covid-19 patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome and received approval from the DGCI a month ago.

"Mesenchymal cells will have a role to play in ICU patients. We are the first in the country to get approval for clinical trials. We need grants for this too, and have applied to various organisations. As the safety of mesenchymal cells is already proven for treatment of other diseases, the approval has been given to us directly for Phase 2/3," Dr Vishal Rao said.

The treatment involves injecting critically-ill patients on ventilator with mesenchymal stem cells over a period of a few hours. These cells have anti-inflammatory properties and reduce the cytokine storm and inflammation in the lungs.

State to get 12.5L doses by next week: Sudhakar

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A day after *The New Indian Express* reported that Karnataka's vaccines stock would only last only four days, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Tuesday said that there will be no shortage and the state will receive 12.5 lakh doses of vaccines from the Centre by next week.

"Before that, four lakh doses will be dispatched by a flight today (Tuesday). The government will ensure that there is no shortage of vaccines," he said.

Meanwhile, a statement from the State Health Ministry said that Karnataka has vaccinated 27,10,904 beneficiaries till March 22. The state, till now, has received 38.85 lakh doses of vaccines from the Centre and has distributed them to regional and district vaccine storage centres, from where they have been dispatched to all government and private health facilities as per their requirement, it added.

"Reallocation and redistribution of vaccine vials is happening as per requirement among health facilities within districts and among districts, based on their coverage. It is being closely monitored at taluk, district and state levels on a daily basis so that there is no shortage or excess stock of vaccines at any health facility," the statement said.

The Centre has informed the state that the next batch of four lakh doses of Covishield vaccines will be dispatched on March 24, said Dr Sudhakar. All those eligible for the vaccine should take it, he advised.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **Sri. Maneesh Kumar Roy** S/o A.K. Roy, Residing at No.785, Jalavayu Towers, NGEF layout, SadanandaNagar, Bengaluru North- 560038, intended to purchase the agricultral land bearing Sy. 13/2 measuring 6 acres and karab 16 guntas situated at Vadakekatte Village, Uyyamballi Hobli, Kanakpura Taluk, Ramanagara District one from Smt. Lingamma w/o late Hosalingegowda, resident of S. kariyappa road, near Indian school, Kanakapura Town. The RTC and other revenue records stand in her name. Furher my client have enter into an agreement of sale dated 18/03/2021 in respect of the schedule property. Any body have right or claim over the said land please to file objections or visit personally Advocate or party mentioned adress within fifteen days of this notice. After fifteen days we are not received any objections from anybody my client will be negotiate to purchase the land from vendor registered the sale deed.

SCHEDULE

ALL the piece and parcel of the agricultral land agricultral land bearing Sy. 13/2 measuring 6 acres and karab 16 guntas situated at Vadakekatte village, Uyyamballi Hobli, Kanakpura Taluk, Ramanagara Districtbounded as under **East by:** Land of Shivanegowda S/o late Mondegowda and Eregowda s/o Halagegowda, **West by:** Acquired land belongs to Horbale dam Chanel and Dam heri, **North by:** Land Sy. No. 12, **South by:** Kere kodi between Sy.No13 and land of Siddalingegowda @ Noonegowda and Puttaswamygowda s/o Channigamadegowda.

M. RAJANNA, Advocate
#3902, Sri Annapoorneshwari Complex, 3rd Floor, Budikeri Road, Kanakapura Town, Ramanagara District-562117.
Mob: 9845867771 Date: 23-03-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the my client **Mrs. Dhanalakshmi and 22 others** are the absolute owners of the sites formed in Sy.No. **57/P5, measuring 1 Acre 0.20 guntas, katha no. 57/P5/57 sutd at Nadagowda Gollahalli, Bidharahalli Hobli, Blr East Tlk** and having purchased the same under different sale deeds. We have filed suit in **O.S.No.1826/2015** before the 1 Addl. Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge, Blr Rural Dst at Bengaluru, for the relief of declaration that we are the absolute owners of the schedule property, recovery of possession and consequential relief's against Mr. Varun & others, we have also filed application for interim injunction restraining said Mr.Varun or anybody claiming under him from changing the nature of the schedule property and creating third party right over the schedule property. After hearing both parties, the aforesaid Hon'ble court vide order dated 21/10/2016 pleased to grant interim injunction and allowed our application and passed order that **"the defendant No.1 or anybody claiming under him, are hereby restrained from changing the nature of the schedule property and creating third party right over the schedule property"** and the said order is still in force.

It has come to our notice that Mr.Varun & others claiming to be GPA holders of Smt.Umashankari & others claming to be owners of the land situated adjacent to the schedule property and occupying the schedule property illegally trying alienate the schedule property by dividing into several sites in favour third parties suppressing the pendency of suit in O.S.No.1826/2915 and interim injunction dated 21/10/2016.

Therefore, the general publics are cautioned not to enter into any kind of documentation/transation viz. agreement to sell, sale deed, mortgage deed or any other mode conveyances with Mr. Varun or any other representatives of Smt. Umashankari or any persons claiming under them in respect of the schedule property and despite this, if any person entering into any kind of transaction/ documentation of whatsoever nature over the schedule property will not binding on us and the same is illegal.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the sites formed in **Sy.No.57/P5,** measuring 1 Acre 20 guntas, katha No. 57/P5/57 situated at **Nadagowda Gollahalli Village, Bidharahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk** and bounded on :

East By : Bande Bommasandra Narappa Reddy's land
West By : Pillappa & Ravi's land
North By : Road
South By : Narayana Reddy poultry farm

Basavaraju P, Advocate
Mobile No. : 9886552845

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client Sri.Praveen Kumar M.V. Aged about 37 yrs son of Sri. Vasanthraju, residing at No.182, 10th Cross, Health Layout, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Srigandhadakaval, Bangalore–560091, has misplaced/lost the following Original Document: Sale Deed dated 15-10-2015, Doc. No. DSP-1-06055-2015-16, C.D.No. DSPD214, PAGES 9, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar of Rajajinagar (Dasanapura) Bangalore and pertaining to property bearing Site No.155, Assessment No.214/1, Old Assessment No.214, Sondekoppa Village, Dasanapura-3 Hobli, Bangalore North Taluka Bangalore measuring East to West 50-0 Feet, North-South 30-0 Feet, in all measuring 1500 Square feet, bounded on East: remaining portion of Site No.155 and drain, West: Road, North: Site No.154, South: Site No.156. Lost report of above document is registered before Bangalore City Police bearing No.065122/2021 dtd. 05/03/2021. If any person/s is/are in possession of the same or finds the same the person/s may please contact the undersigned herein below or at the address mentioned herein within 7 days from the date of this notice.

Sudhir Kumar, Advocate
Office at No.8, Krishna Complex, Opposite B G National Public School, Papareddypalya, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560072, M.No.9880888482

HDFC BANK

HDFC Bank Ltd,
Ground Floor, Rashtrothana Bhavan, Muncipal No. 3/1, Ward No 77, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore - 560001.

CAUTION NOTICE

The general public is hereby cautioned that the following agency is not authorized by the Bank to collect money or take possession of any vehicles on behalf of the Bank.

1.Shree Raksha Associates

Anybody dealing with the above agency or their representatives, would be doing so at their own risk and responsibility and bank will not be liable for such transactions. Public is hereby advised to verify for valid Identity Card issued by Bank before dealing with person claims to represent Bank and insist for receipts on any payment being made towards their loan accounts. Public is also advised to obtain proper acknowledgement for handing over the vehicles to any agencies authorized by the Bank.

Sd/-Authorized Signatory

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOST

I, have lost the Original registered Sale deed vide document No.5681/1992-93, Book No.1, Volume No.340, Page No.92 to 94 dated: 22-02-1993 Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore, Property bearing Grama Thana Khaneshumari No.933/958/33 situated at Thindlu village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under BBMP Limits, Bengaluru measuring East to West 54 feet (16.45Mtr) and North to South 40feet (12.19Mtr). In spite of best efforts, I could not trace the same and in this regard. I have lodged a complaint before Yeshvanthpur Police Station, Bengaluru, vide lost Report No.081410 /2021. If anybody finds the above said document or is in possession, please handover the same to the address mentioned bellow.

Sd/-
Smt. NAGARATHNAMMA,
W/o Late H.L. NARASAPPA.
R/a.No. 902, 9th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Gokula 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Divanara Palya, Bengaluru -560 054
Mob No:9620394384.

Sri Sudha Co-operative Bank Limited
Hongsandra Branch, Bangalore -560068
Shifting of Hongasandra Branch

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the notice of all our members and account holders that, we are shifting our Hongasandra Branch from the existing location to the following new location w.e.f 24/03/2021.

1st floor, No 19/2/4, BTM layout 6th stage, 2nd phase, 2nd block, 80ft road, Sir M Vishwesharaiah road, Avani Sringerinagar, (Near Krishna Kuteera Hotel) Bangalore 560076.

For Further Enquiry Please Contact 080-25742557, 8867701062

Sd/-
General Manager,
Sri Sudha Cooperative Bank Ltd.

CENTRAL POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(A Govt. of India Society, Ministry of Power)
Post Box No.8066, Prof. Sir. C.V.Raman Road
Sadashivanagar Post Office, Bangalore - 560 080.

Cancellation Notification (Partial)

The Advertisement No.CPRI/08/2020 inviting applications for the post of **Administrative Officer** (UR-1 Post), which was published on **10.10.2020** stands cancelled due to administrative reasons.

Chief Administrative Officer

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Term Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Name of work : Appointment of Project Management Consultants (PMC) for the Construction of Ware house for storing electronic voting machine/VVPAT machine at Kolar DOC in Kolar district.

- Tender Reference Number : **KHB/CE/PMC/NIT No. 113/2020-21 Date: 17-03-2021**
- Last date for submission of bid - **05-04-2021 up to 4.00 PM.**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru
Phone No. 080-22273511 / 080-22100077
web site : https://khb.karnataka.gov.in, https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
DIPR/DDU/3212/AKAR/2020-21
COVID-19 - DON'T SPREAD RUMOURS. ACT RESPONSIBLY, AVOID INFECTION-NOT THE INFECTED.
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SRIMATHA MAHILA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA
No.403/803, 8ht Main Road, 10th Cross, Shastrinagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 028. Ph: 080 26762583 / 26762584 / 9449885549

PUBLIC AUCTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction sale under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 13(2) of the immovable properties mortgaged to **SRIMATHA MAHILA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA.,** is brought to sale under "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".

Name & Address of the Borrowers	**1) SMT. PUSHPAVALLI W/O SRI SUBRAMANI.S 2) SRI .SUBRAMANI.S S/O SRI.SOUNDAPPAN** R/at. No.23, 3rd Cross, 3rd Stage, B.E.M.L, Rajarajeswarinagar, Bangalore-560 098.
Guarantor's Name	**1) Sri. SOMASHEKAR B K**
Auction of the Property	# 23, Old CMC Khata No.129, present BBMP Khata No.683/23/129/722/670, Halage Vaderahalli Village, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-560098. EAST: Property No.20, WEST: Road, NORTH: Property No.22, SOUTH: Property No.24, East to West-40 ft, North to South-30 ft. (Total-1200 Sft).
Details of secured debt	**IPL- 478, Total Outstanding Balance as on 22/03/2021 is Rs. 27,62,468/- + Further Interest + Costs.**
Reserve Price	**Rs. 80,00,000 /-**
EMD Amount	**Rs. 4,00,000/-**
Place of Auction	**SRIMATHA MAHILA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA,** # 403/803, 8th Main,10th Cross, Shastrinagar, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070.
Auction Date and Time	**07/04/2021, WEDNESDAY, 12.00 PM**

Other Terms and conditions

* For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount to 5% of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit.
* The property as described shall not be sold below the reserve price.
* The Successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount inclusive of EMD immediately on the same day in Cash/NEFT to the Bank and the balance within 45 days from the date of auction, failing the amount paid by him/her will be forfeited.
* The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the Bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner.
* The Successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses like stamp duty. Registration fee, Laocal taxes and any other statutory dues etc.
* The authorized Officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof.
* The authorized officer reserves his right to vary any of the terms and conditions of this notice of sale without prior notice at this discretion.
* For inspection of the property or any further details, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at SRIMATHA MAHILA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA # 403/803, 8th Main, 10th Cross, Shastrinagar, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070 Ph: 080-26762583 / 26762584 / 9449885549.
* Bidders should produce their ID & Address proof while depositing the EMD Amount.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 22/03/2021

Sd/-
Authorised officer
Srimatha Mahila Sahakari Bank Niyamitha

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Asset Recovery Management Branch, 2nd Floor,
B.K.G. Complex, Mysore Bank Circle, K G Road, Bengaluru-560009
Ph: 080-25943765, 25943769, 8754140264 E-mail: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (For Immovable Property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the **State Bank of India,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/ mortgagors/ guarantors to repay their loan amount mentioned in their demand notices with further interest + incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notices. The details of the loan accounts of borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors such as name and address of the borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors, date of issue of demand notice, possession taken date, description of secured assets including present loan outstanding etc., are furnished hereunder against the name of each borrowers /mortgagors /guarantors:

Ref.No.: SBI/ARMB/SRA/GR/64192063587/2020-21

1. Name of the Borrower : Sri K Vijaya Kumar S/o Sri. C. Kamalanathan, No.11, 3rd Cross. Binnypet, Magadi Road. Bengaluru 560 023 **Also at: Sri. K. Vijaya Kumar** S/o. Sri. C. Kamalanathan. No.12/2-A. 8th Main Road. inbetween 5th & 6th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Binny Pet. Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560023.

Demand Notice date: 24.11.2020 **Possession taken date: 20.03.2021**

Bank Dues: Rs.52,96,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Only) as on 20.03.2021 + interest & other expenses thereon.

Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing No.12/2-1. it is Western Portion of property No.12/2-A. 8th Main Road, inbetween 5th & 6th Cross. Bhuvaneshwari Nagar. Binny Pet. Magadi Road. Bengaluru-560 023. Presently coming under BBMP-PID No. 31- 32-12/2-1, measuring East to West 15 ft.. North to South 60 ft. standing in the name of Sri. K. Vijaya Kumar S/o Sri C Kamalanathan Bounded by: East: Property belonging to Smt. Sugunamma, Smt. G. Umadevi & Smt. Nagavenamma West: Private property, North : Road. South: Gatar.

Ref.No.: SBI/ARMB/HBL/GR/64118773880, 64118773982

2) Name of the Borrower : (1) Smt. R. Lalitha W/o Shri Naveen Chandra No.1520, 19th Cross, 1st Stage, Kumara-swamy Layout, Near Bangalore One, Bengaluru-560078. **2) Shri, Naveen Chandra,** No. 1520, 19th Cross, 1st Stage, Kumara-swamy Layout, Near Bangalore One, Bengaluru-560078.

Demand Notice date: 07.09.2019 **Possession taken date: 20.03.2021**

Bank Dues: Rs.10,23,855/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five Only) as on **20.03.2021** plus interest and incidental expenses.

Description of Immovable Property: All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No.1520, situated in Kumarswamy layout, 1st Stage, 19th Cross, Bangalore, coming under jurisdiction of BBMP measuring East to West 25 Feet or 7.6 meters and North to South (40'1/2'+41')/2 feet of 12.40 meters in all 99.48 Square meters standing in th name of Smt R Lalitha W/o Naveen Chandra and Bounded by: East : Site no 1521, West: Site no 1519, North: Road and South: Site nos 1484 and 1485.

The above named borrowers/mortgagers/guarantors having failed to repay the entire loan amount as mentioned in their respective demand notices, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagers/guarantors, and the public in general that, the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein above, in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the above mentioned dates.

The Borrowers/Mortgagers/Guarantors in particular, and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with aforesaid properties and any dealings with anyone of the said properties will be subjected to the charges of State Bank of India for related present loan outstanding amount as mentioned against the respective borrower's/guarantors/ mortgagers name with further interest accruals thereon.

The borrowers/mortgagors attention is invited to proviso of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 20.03.2021
Place : Bangalore.

Sd/- Authorized Officer
State Bank of India,

OPPORTUNITIES

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Sd/-
Date : 22.03.2021 **Dean (F A & D)**

A week after its first visit to the Kalasa-Banduri project site, the three-member joint inspection committee will visit the site again on March 26

Amid protest by Congress, state passes Societies Bill

Govt can now appoint administrator to oversee operations

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File photo of operations at a Milk Producers' Cooperative Society | EXPRESS

AMID the Congress protest against the sleaze CD row, the ruling BJP passed the Karnataka Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill on Tuesday. The amendment allows the government to appoint an administrator to oversee operations of societies, which include minority societies. The Bill also stressed the removal of discrimination between general societies and minority societies.

As per data provided by Cooperation Minister ST Somashekar, there are 3.71 lakh societies in the state, of which 6,807 are minority community societies. According to Somashekar, several irregularities are found in minority community-controlled societies and there is a need to regulate them till such time that an elected cooperative society takes over. With the amendment, the government can appoint an administrator in all minority community societies.

According to the Bill, "Where any society belonging to minority or otherwise, on account of pendency of the litigation or otherwise, has not held or is unable to hold annual general meeting." It also allowed for appointing an administrator if the term of office of the members of the governing body of a society, belonging to minority communities or otherwise, has expired. The State government may appoint an administrator for such society for such period, not exceeding 6 months, as may be specified in the order, to manage the affairs of the society.

Earlier, Congress members had expressed their apprehension on societies registered under Wakf Board, as these societies are governed by a different act. After Congress MLAs approached Somashekar, a clause was included, stating that in respect of Wakf registered under Wakf Act, the provisions of that Act shall apply for the purpose of securing proper management of the property of the Wakf.

The bill also said that to avoid further litigation and to safeguard the interest of the government, members of the society and the public should cooperate. As the opposition Congress was in the well, staging a protest against the Ramesh Jarkiholi CD case, the JDS walked out, and the bill was passed by voice vote.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL?

While the Congress and BJP traded barbs inside the House over CD-gate, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Congress MLA Lakshmi Hebbalkar were seen having a friendly chat outside, setting the grapevine abuzz with speculation over what the pair talked about. Hebbalkar said she spoke to the minister about the need to build residential quarters for the police in Belagavi Rural, the constituency she represents, and development work that needs to be carried out.

Congress legislators protest in the well of the House, demanding that a rape case be registered against former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi

IRATE CM SLAMS CONG FOR STALLING SESSION

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IRKED by the Congress protest over the sleaze CD, allegedly involving former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday asked the Opposition to stop stalling the House.

Yediyurappa told reporters just before the assembly session that the Congress protest was unfair as the government had issued a response. "The Congress has been unnecessarily protesting during the budget session. Jarkiholi has already resigned on moral grounds. A probe is under way and the woman concerned has not come forward to give a clear statement. Despite all this, is it fair to keep protesting?" Yediyurappa said, adding that the Congress was stalling House business and discussion on important issues.

> We worship women as goddesses. We must protect women, but here the government is refusing to give protection to her and file a rape case against the former minister. We will not stop protesting until all our demands are met
>
> Siddaramaiah

The Congress has demanded that a rape case be registered against Jarkiholi, a probe by the Chief Justice into the CD case, and that the six ministers who have approached court seeking an injunction against publication of defamatory content, resign till the probe is completed.

For the second day in a row, Congress legislators stormed into the well of the House, staged a protest and stalled assembly proceedings over the controversial video, brandishing CDs as a symbol of their protest.

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah insisted that a Chief Justice-supervised investigation be instituted, and reiterated his party's demand that the six ministers resign until the probe is completed.

As soon as the condolence motion was passed on Tuesday morning, protesting legislators started raising slogans. Congress members began protesting when Speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri called for question hour, forcing him to adjourn the House twice during the morning session.

"You can take the protest outside. Do not waste time of the assembly. Assembly does not belong only to the Opposition, it belongs to the treasury benches too. Congress should stop its protest immediately and allow the House to function," the Speaker appealed.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai pointed out that the government has responded that an inquiry is on. "It makes no sense for the Congress to stall the House," he said. Hitting back, he said the Congress government too had handed over the CD case involving former minister H Y Meti to the CID, without any terms of reference.

In the second half of the session, Bommai said the Congress has no right to question the BJP in this case. "In 2016, when Siddaramiah was Chief Minister, the Meti CD case was handed over to the CID and the inquiry officer was from the government. How can they now demand a judicial inquiry," he said.

Parents of woman in CD row give statement

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THE Special Investigation Team (SIT), probing the CD-gate incident, recorded the statement of the parents of the woman involved the video, on Monday. Meanwhile, the SIT issued a notice to the woman for the fifth time, but got no response from her, a police officer said.

A senior police officer said that the parents of the woman have been questioned two times so far. The parents alleged that their daughter's life was under threat and claimed that someone took her to an isolated place and video-recorded the incident. "She had contacted them last on March 5, and since then, her phone has remained switched off," the officer said.

"We were expecting her to appear before the SIT last week. But she did not turn up and we had been tracking her movements. But she shifted her place, so, we are trying to trace her. We are ready to give protection to her as she had demanded in her video statement which was released to the media soon after former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi filed a case with the Sadashivanagar police," the officer said.

Meanwhile, Y Puttaraju, chief secretary, Karnataka Block Congress Campaign Committee, on Tuesday met officials of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and submitted a complaint against Jarkiholi. He demanded that action should be taken against the former minister under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002.

EXPRESS READ

CM to give response over budget concerns

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is scheduled to respond to concerns raised by the Opposition on the budget on Wednesday. The CM has been preparing a detailed response for the past few days along with his team, to the concerns raised by the opposition. Insiders, however, said once the Money Bill (budget bill) is passed in both Houses on Wednesday, the legislature could be adjourned sine die, as the government has no intention of continuing with proceedings when it is being cornered over the CD issue.

Govt presents final supplementary estimates

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa tabled the supplementary estimates, aggregating Rs 10, 564.54 crore for the 2020-21 financial year, in the Assembly on Tuesday. This is the third and final installment of the supplementary estimates. The estimates include Rs 959.98 crore for Agriculture and Horticulture, Rs 854.8 crore for Home and Transport, Rs 277.67 crore for Social Welfare, Rs 465.61 crore for Commerce and Industries, Rs 462.61 crore for Urban Development and Rs 477.49 crore for Health and Family Welfare.

50 BJP MLAs part of signature campaign against MLA Yatnal

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AROUND 50 MLAs from the BJP have signed a letter, addressed to the top leadership of the party, urging them to reign in party legislator **Basanagouda Patil Yatnal**, who has been criticising the State Government and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's style of functioning over the last several months.

The campaign that started on Tuesday morning has already collected over 50 signatures. An MLA, who is behind the move and wished not to be identified, told *The New Indian Express* that ministers are not being made part of the campaign, while several MLAs, who are touring Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry and other places, where there are elections, are yet to sign the letter.

He said that they will take the complaint to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and party president JP Nadda and press for action against Yatnal. To begin with, they will meet state party president Nalin Kumar Kateel, they added.

A group of these disgruntled MLAs met the chief minister at his official residence Cauvery on Monday evening. They discussed lack of funds for their constituencies with the chief minister, and also spoke of Yatnal's rebellion. Yediyurappa told them that he will convene a meeting of ministers, officials and party MLAs at his residence on March 25 where all issues will be discussed.

Asked if party functionaries too would attend the meeting, one of the MLAs said that they cannot be present as it will then become a party event and officials will have to absent themselves.

IN THE COUNCIL

Banks can't harass borrowers: Govt

The state government said that it will look into complaints of harassment of borrowers by private banks for loan recovery. In the council on Tuesday, JDS MLC H M Ramesh Gowda raised the issue of harassment by banks even when borrowers want to pre-close the loan amount. "During a visit to the bank, I came across a retired government employee who had taken an education loan of Rs 10 lakh for his daughter. He wanted to pre-close the loan, but the bank had levied various charges of Rs 98,000 to close the loan," Gowda said. In reply, leader of the floor Kota Srinivas Poojari said that the government had already introduced laws to prevent banks from harassing borrowers. "We have held meetings with the State Level Bankers' Committee and have made it clear to them that borrowers cannot be harassed in any way. They say they will look into the matter if there are specific complaints. Pre-closure of loans is the right of borrowers," he said.

Minister Shivaram Hebbar and MLC Ayanur Manjunath share a light moment at the Council | VINOD KUMAR T

Govt land for ex-servicemen

Congress MLC Veena Achaiah informed the council that around 15,000 ex-servicemen in Madikeri have still not got sites allotted to them. Poojari replied that the revenue officials have informed that there was no government land for the purpose.

'Ruling party should not embarrass govt'

Minister CC Patil said members of the ruling party should not ask questions that embarrass the government. When BJP MLC SV Sankanur raised the issue of state of affairs at the Veterinary College in Gadag that lacks basic infrastructure during the zero hour, the minister said that the government will set things right, but ruling party members should not raise questions that put the government in an unenviable position.

BELAGAVI BYPOLL

BJP likely to pick dark horse

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

LOBBYING has intensified among contenders for the BJP ticket for the Belagavi Lok Sabha bypoll, with many aspirants slated to reach New Delhi on Monday and Tuesday, in a last-ditch attempt to make it to the fray.

Even as the BJP has a bright chance of retaining Belagavi in the upcoming bypoll, the party high command in New Delhi is still in a dilemma on announcing the candidate. The BJP leadership is said to have gone into a last-minute huddle after the Congress projected its popular leader and KPCC working president Satish Jarkiholi as its probable candidate for Belagavi bypoll.

According to sources, the BJP is contemplating having a young and new face in the fray, and has asked some of its youth leaders to rush to New Delhi on Monday evening. But some sections in the BJP have recommended names of a few popular and experienced politicians, after the Congress shortlisted Jarkiholi as its favourite to enter the race.

Among those lobbying for the ticket are former MP Ramesh Katti, and his brother and minister Umesh Katti landed in New Delhi on Tuesday, to meet the BJP top brass. However, the chances of Katti making it are remote, if the BJP's attempts to rope in youngsters are anything to go by.

Another senior party leader, Shankargouda Patil, who is also the state's Special Representative in Delhi, is busy meeting top leaders in the national capital and is hopeful of getting the ticket. Also a close associate of CM B S Yediyurappa, Patil is strongly supported by the CM.

Dr Girish Sonwalkar, a young BJP leader, is expected to meet Home Minister Amit Shah tonight in Delhi. Sources in Delhi said he may emerge as the consensus candidate, given his close association with several noted RSS leaders.

Sonwalkar is said to be one of three leaders shortlisted by the high command. However, his name is not on the list of three probables sent to the high command from the party's core committee in the state, sources said.

The daughter of late Suresh Angadi, former Union Minister, whose death necessitated the bypoll, and Dr Ravi Patil, another young leader from Belagavi, are also in the race for a ticket.

Despite the hectic political activity, the BJP leadership has not given any clue on who will emerge as the consensus candidate even as the filing of nominations took off today.

Muthalik writes to Modi, Shah for party ticket

Bengaluru: In a strange turn of events, Sri Rama Sene chief Pramod Muthalik has pinned his hopes on the BJP for the Belagavi bypoll, to be held on April 17. Muthalik, a BJP member for barely a day in 2014 before he was expelled from the party, told *The New Indian Express* that he hopes to contest the Belagavi Lok Sabha seat on a BJP ticket and has even written to several party leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and party national president J P Nadda. The Belagavi seat fell vacant after the death of MP Suresh Angadi last September. Muthalik has had a love-hate relationship with the BJP and the extended Sangh Parivar. He became a member of the RSS after his studies and went on to form the Sri Rama Sene in 2006 after he parted ways with the RSS. He had contested the Dharwad Lok Sabha seat in 2014 against Pralhad Joshi of the BJP and won a mere 5,000 votes.

TAKING A STAND

Farmer writes to PM, refuses aid under Kisan Samman Nidhi

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

CALL it a case of looking the gift-horse in the mouth, but this Shikaripura-based farmer has written a rather bold letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, refusing to accept financial assistance under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi. He also called out the government for imposing heavy taxes on essential products.

Farmer Sandesh R (left) submitting a memorandum to assistant director of agriculture Kiran Kumar Harti in Shikaripura on Saturday

Sandesh R, from Ambaragoppa village, also met agriculture department officials in Shikaripura and submitted a memorandum, refusing to accept financial assistance of Rs 10,000 to Rs 6,000 from the Union government and Rs 4,000 from the State government. He marked copies of his letter to the President, Governor, chief minister, agriculture minister, local Lok Sabha member and senior agriculture officials.

He wants the Prime Minister to remove taxes on all agriculture-related inputs and machinery. In the letter, he stated that seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, agriculture equipment, irrigation pipes and motors have become costlier. "Farmers are also suffering due to lack of support prices for crops. Expenses have become higher than profit. As a result, farmers are in financial distress and some farmers have also committed suicide," he claimed.

"Hence, I'm refusing to accept financial assistance from today. I request that you direct the officials concerned not to credit the money into my bank account henceforth," Sandesh, a BBM graduate, stated in the letter.

Sandesh, who has a landholding of 10 acres, suggested to Modi that instead of financial assistance, the government should remove tax on seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, agricultural equipment, pipes and motors. He suggested that an expert committee be formed to provide the right price for crops, and take measures for the welfare of farmers.

Kiran Kumar Harti, assistant director of the agriculture department, Shikaripura, said Sandesh had, indeed, requested that the money should not be credited into his account. "The application will be tabled before a state-level committee which will take a call on not crediting future instalments, in keeping with his wish," he said.

KDA seeks reply from firm over 'unfair' treatment of Kannadiga

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THE ripple effect of 75 per cent reservation in private companies for locals in Haryana and Jharkhand is being felt in Karnataka too. Kannada Development Authority Chairman T S Nagabharana has received a complaint about a Kannadiga being treated shabbily by an MNC.

Rajendra Ramanna, who was working as the chief project manager with a construction equipment company and was sacked, had approached the KDA alleging that the company was treating Kannadigas unfairly.

He has complained that a minuscule number of Karnataka people are allowed to hold high positions at the company. Of 20 such posts, only two have Kannadigas, he states in the complaint. When he was asked to resign during the middle of the pandemic, he sought an explanation from the company, but it failed to give any reasons. Even his stand that he was willing to face any departmental enquiry too was ignored.

Nagabharana has shot off a notice to the company seeking an immediate response. Ramanna has approached Congress leader Siddaramaiah too.

Employers can't discriminate against staff with disabilities, says High Court

Says bank imposed penalty without allowing legal assistance to petitioner in accordance with law

Case History

As Manager, In-charge of Stationery Pool of Syndicate Bank in 2010, Siddalingappa issued a notice calling for bids from eligible agencies, after getting approval from the competent authority of the bank. A year after the bid was executed in favour of lowest bidder, a show-cause notice was issued to him by the bank, in connection to certain irregularities in the bid contract. The Disciplinary Authority passed the order in 2014, imposing penalty of reverting him from the rank of MMGS-II to JMGS-I and fixing his pay at Rs 20,100.

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RULING that employers cannot treat those employees with hearing impairment, as they would their other staffers, while deciding on the charges of irregularities against them, the Karnataka High Court set aside orders passed by the various authorities of Syndicate Bank penalising its officer, without giving him an opportunity to engage a lawyer to defend him in the inquiry, as he was hearing-impaired to the tune of 98 per cent.

IN THE HC

Quashing the orders passed by the Disciplinary Authority, Appellate Authority and Reviewing Authority in 2014, against AK Siddalingappa (61), a resident of Kumaraswamy Layout, Justice M Nagaprasanna said that the inquiry proceedings were concluded without providing reasonable opportunity to the petitioner and in haste, and hence, the orders passed against him are not sustainable in law.

Allowing the petition by Siddalingappa, the court said that the bank has imposed a penalty without permitting him to be defended in accordance with law. It is not a violation of the bank's rights, it is not a violation of a legal right, "it is violation of the petitioner's human right", the court said, while also pointing out that it is against the principle of natural justice.

The court made it clear that the petitioner is entitled to all consequential benefits that would flow from quashing of the orders including the difference in salary and difference in pension. The bank should recalculate the pension and pay him the difference. The petitioner is also entitled to any promotion that has been denied to him on account of pendency of the dispute, the court ordered.

3,455 trees go under axe to widen C'magaluru highway

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THE widening of National Highway-173 across Kadur-Chikkamagaluru-Mudigere in two phases has resulted in the massive felling of 3,455 trees, including many old heritage ones. In Chikkamagaluru range, 2,318 trees were felled, while in Kadur range, 1,137 trees went under the axe. Presently, the forest department has come out with a big 'greening program' which will be taken up in June after the completion of the widening works by May.

However, activists say these heritage trees could have been saved if MLAs, MPs and the NHAI had taken some interest and re-worked the alignment. Further, there is neither space on either side of the road nor any proper plans for the plantation, they alleged.

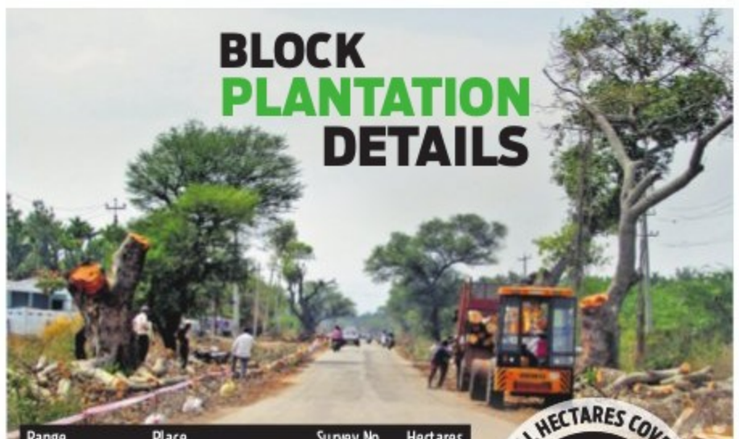
Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, Chikkamagaluru territorial division Deputy Conservator of Forests N H Jagannath said that in lieu of the felling of the trees, a big 'alternative greening program' has been drawn up to take up block plantation in 144 hectares (by digging 57,600 pits) in deemed forests and C & D Class lands adjoining the reserve forests.

The DCF added, "A total of 7,832 seedlings of every native variety will be planted depending on the space available on this stretch in rural or town limits. From Kadur-Sakharayapatna, the advance work of digging 4,120 pits will be taken up. While for the stretch up to Chikkamagaluru, work will start from monsoon. For this, Rs 81.4 lakh has been received as funds for carrying out plantation work."

G Veeresh, honorary Chikkamagaluru wildlife warden, said, "For the Kadur-Mudigere Highway widening, tree felling work began in 2018, and as per prevailing laws, the DCF gave permission. However, NHAI should give enough space for re-planting the trees on the roadside. With work still continuing, compensatory planting should be done on the roadside and not elsewhere."

"With such a massive loss of almost 4,000 trees, the lost greenery of the Kadur-Chikkamagaluru-Mudigere road cannot be re-created and this will only add to global warming. Many trees were planted centuries ago. No compensatory afforestation can bring back the lost green heritage," he added.

BLOCK PLANTATION DETAILS



Range	Place	Survey No	Hectares
Kadur	Hallikerekaval	201	25
	Sadarahalli	68	25
Chikkamagaluru	Mallammanahalli	37/38	25
	Koutalu	62	
	Kamenahalli	2	25
	Hingouja	111	8
	Devarahalli	60	
Alduru	Doddameguru	165	25
Mudigere	Kogile	56	11

TOTAL HECTARES COVERED 144

Trees being felled on both sides of the Kadur-Mudigere stretch of NH-173 | EXPRESS

INHUMAN ACT

Cops refused to file FIR: Boy's father

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BUT Shivarudrappa locked up Harishayya in a room at his house, saying that the boy stole a snack. When Harishayya did not return home, Nagayya rushed to Shivarudrappa's house and saw the boy kept in captivity. Though the father requested him to release the boy, the shopkeeper told Nagayya that he wanted to teach the boy a lesson.

Around 3 pm, the boy's mother Jayashree went to the shopowner and pleaded with him. But he asked her to come back 5 pm. When she returned, she saw the boy made to sit in a pit dug for the foundation and a heavy stone tied to his back. A furous Jayashree fought with Shivarudrappa, but he, his son Kumar, their relatives Praveen Karishettar and Basavannevva Karishettar beat her up and released the boy.

The same night, the condition of the boy, who was badly injured, started deteriorating and was rushed to the District Hospital in Haveri. After the first-aid, the doctors advised the parents to shift him to KIMS Hospital in Hubballi. The boy died on Monday evening.

But the family's travails did not end there. Nagayya alleged that the Adur police refused to file a complaint when he approached them. But the police tried to justify their action, saying they took a written statement from Nagayya. They filed an FIR only on Monday evening after the boy died.

Haveri Superintendent of Police K Devaraju told *The New Indian Express*, "We don't know the exact cause of boy's death. We have formed a team headed by the Hangal Circle Inspector to investigate the case and arrest the absconding accused. If we find that the police officers refused to file a complaint, we will take action against them."

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CeNSE startup develops smog tower

Bengaluru: A Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE) incubated-startup has developed an indigenous smog tower that works as an outdoor ambient air purifier. The nano tech-based startup Nutan Labs has been technically supported by Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and has developed the purifier that has the capacity of purifying 15,000 cubic feet of air in a 10-stage advanced air filtration process. In the first four stages, the air is filtered for 2.5 particulate matter, 5 PM and 10 PM through an 'ultra fine water washable sandwiched membrane framework'. This is also the first time that nano material in liquid form is used for absorbing pollutant gases, the researchers said.

Three arrested for robbing friend

Bengaluru: Chandra Layout police arrested three for robbing gold valuables worth Rs 13 lakh from their friend recently. Police said the incident took place on March 13. Based on a tip, police tracked down the accused and nabbed them, who are Zakir Hussain (30), Shabaz Khan (25) and Faazil (23), all residents of Pillanna Garden. Police said the victim, Tapan Mishra, a businessman who hails from West Bengal, had come to the city to meet his friend, who works in a jewellery shop. Hussain had befriended him a few years ago and came to know that he was in the city. He decided to rob him and escape to West Bengal. Hussain roped in two of his friends and robbed Mishra, while he was leaving his friend's house.

'INCREASED TESTING HELPS IDENTIFY MORE CASES'

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"SUPERSPREADER events and increased movement of people is happening everywhere and not just in these five districts. Once the virus enters a district, irrespective of the strain, it will spread. Increased testing in these districts also helps identify more cases," said Dr Giridhar R Babu, head of Lifecourse Epidemiology at the Public Health Foundation of India, who is also a member of TAC.

"This does not mean other districts are safe. They too need to be careful and enhance surveillance measures on superspreader events. Testing needs to be increased in a systematic way, and targeted testing must take place in cluster zones instead of random testing," he said.

M'luru cops thwart murder bid, nab four

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THE Mangaluru City police thwarted a murder bid and arrested four members of an inter-state gang, who had hatched the plan with the help of a rowdy-sheeter lodged at the Bengaluru Central Prison.

Mangaluru Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar on Monday said that the four arrested had already been charged in several murder, drugs and other cases. "The arrested, Deekshith, Chandrahas, Prajwal and Santhosh alias Nayi Santhu, first stole motorbikes at Neermarga and Kulshekar and were planning to use them in the murder of their two targets, who are rowdy-sheeters, from another gang."

Around 15-20 anti-social elements had formed the gang and were committing crimes to make their presence felt in the underworld community.

He said, "Deekshith was in regular touch with the criminal at the Bengaluru prison who is convicted in a minor's rape case. The gang had stolen the bikes to prevent the police from tracking them. They had also threatened vehicle owners not to complain to the police"

He said, "The gang had hatched the plan for the last two months to eliminate their two targets, who are from the gangs of Pradeep Mendon and Monkeystand Vijay, and their plan was to be executed in 10-15 days. Mangaluru South police investigated the case and thwarted their plan. Both Mendon and Vijay are identified with underworld don Ravi Poojary's gang. The conspirators wanted to murder a rowdy-sheeter from Poojary's gang so that they would get recognition and get murder contracts in the future."

Mangaluru Police Commissioner Shashi Kumar said, "We suspect that eight to ten more people are directly or indirectly involved in the case."

The suspects have been charged with hatching a plot to eliminate rival gang members.

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I,LINCY DANIEL , I am changing my name to LINCY PRINCE resident at No.29, 1st Main , Opp. Krishna Elegance Apartment , Amara Jyothi Layout , RMV II Stage , Sanjaynagar , Bengaluru-560094 Karnataka. Vide Affidavit dated 22.03.2021 before Notary Chandrakala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANANYA PADMAVATHI RACHAMADUGU**, R/o No. 525, 14th Cross, ISRO Layout, Bangalore South, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANANYA PADMAVATHI RACHAMADUGU** to **RACHAMADUGU ANANYA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **RACHAMADUGU ANANYA** only, vide affidavit dated 23-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **AMBRESHAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) PRAJAKTA NABAGE** W/o Abhinav Bhaskar Tathe, Residing at No. 401, 40/41, 4th Floor, Chiranth Nivas, 1st Main, Gollahalli, Electronic City, Bangalore - 560 100 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PRAJAKTA NABAGE** to **(NEW NAME) PRAJAKTA DATTATRAYA NABAGE** vide affidavit dated 22.03.2021 sworn before notary Prakash. C, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VINITHAA.M**, D/o Sri Manimandan, residing at No.22, Balaji Layout, 1st Cross, Doddanagamangala, Near Anjanya Temple, Electronic City, Bangalore-560100, have changed my name from Archana.M to " **VINITHAA. M** ", vide affidavit dated 22.03.2021 sworn before notary Yankoba, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NISHCHAY G RAJU** (Old Name) S/o Govindaraju .C, aged about 20 years, (DOB: 31-01-2020) R/a No. 29 Keshava Nilaya, 3rd Main, 2nd Block, Goraguntepalya, Bengaluru-22 has changed my name to **NISHCHAY GOVIND RAJ**, vide affidavit dated **05/03/2021** sworn before the Notary Public **B. HANUMANTHARAYA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KIRAN KUMAR S**, aged about 28 years, S/o. Sri Siddaraju, R/at No. 17, 6th Cross, Adithya Layout, HT lane, Christ The King School Road, Kalkere Main Road, Ramamurthy Nagar Bangalore -560016, have changed my name to **ARYAN KAVAN GOWDA** Vide affidavit dated 20-03-2021 sworn before Notary H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sabini Thekkekannampuram Uthup** w/o Binu Varghese, aged about 47 years, and residing at No. 76, 1st Main Road, Near Madduramma Temple, MEG Layout, A Narayanapura, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560016, have changed my name to **Sabini Varghese** vide affidavit dated 22nd March 2021, sworn before notary Y. R. Chandrasekhar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOKUL PERUMAPALAYAM PALANISAMY** (New Name) S/o Palanisamy, aged about 31 years, R/a Flat No. 313, Vaastu Hillview, 3, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-560098, have changed my name from **GOKUL PALANISAMY** (Old Name) to **GOKUL PERUMAPALAYAM PALANISAMY** (New Name), vide affidavit dated 22-03-2021, before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N.** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, C. NAGARAJU, S/o Chinna Narasimhappa, aged about 28 years R/at No.7, Sughatta Road, 3rd Cross, Hunesamaranahalli, Bangalore. Have changed my name from **C. NAGARAJU** to **"C. NARASAPPAGARINAGARAJU"**. vide affidavit dated 22.03.2021 sworn to before Advocate & Notary G. .R. Ravichandra Reddy, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AMULYA,** Aged 25 Years, D/o **Kandari Ninagappa Hanamappa,** R/at No.1835/10, 2nd A Cross, Nagarbhavi, B'luru-72, have changed my name to **AMULYA NINGAPPA KANDARI** vide affidavit dated: 22.03.2021 Before Notary **V. RAJASHEKHARA,** B'luru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UPENDRA PAI** S/o Narasimha Pai, residing at Flat No. 101, 1st Floor, Siri Sagrika, 3rd Cross, Kathriguppe Main Road, Srinivasanagar, Bangalore - 560085, have changed my name as **MELGANGULI UPENDRA PAI,** vide affidavit dated 22-03-2021 before Notary Public **H.S. DHARMA PRASAD,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ROQSANA TAJ, aged about 43 years, D/o. Syed Ghouse and Maqbool Jaan W/o. Mujahid Shariff, Resident of No. 1062, 3rd Cross, Arokiyamma layout, Venkateshpuram, Bengaluru-560045 have changed my name to RUKSANA TAJ** vide Affidavit dated 23.03.2021, sworn to before Notary G. KASPAR, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MONIKA .V.,** D/o **Bayyagowda .N.,** aged 18 Years, Residing at House No.695/4, Balagarnahalli Village, Neraluru Post, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, B'luru-562107, have changed my name to **MONIKA .B.** vide affidavit dated: 23.03.2021 before notary **CHANCHALA LAKSHMI,** B'luru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) MOSES SANTOSH KUMAR GEORGE** S/o George Ruban, Residing at No. 5, Lewis Road, Cooke Town, Bangalore - 560 005 have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MOSES S K GEORGE** vide affidavit dated 23.03.2021 sworn before Notary R.S. Vijay, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Chikkaiah Lokesh**, Aged about 49 years, S/o Late C. Chikkaiah residing at #4, INDIAN BLISS, Vinayakanagar, Gubbalala Main Road, Subramanyapura Post, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061. have changed my name from Chikkaiah Lokesh to **Lokesh C.** vide affidavit NR SI No.1351, Dated: 20.03.2021 sworn before Notary Mr B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **APARNA BHAT**, aged about 42 years, W/o M Vasantha Bhat, R/a No. 487/3, 5th cross, Vidyapeeta layout, Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru-28, do hereby declare that, I shall be known and called as **M APARNA V BHAT** in future for all the practical purposes, vide affidavit dated **19/03/2021**, sworn before advocate and notary **ARUNA V** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KISHORE J**, S/o Jayaswamy, Aged about 29 years, R/at: no.15, VIT College Road, Hunasemaranahalli, Bangalore North Taluk, have changed my name from **KISHORE** to **KISHORE J** vide affidavit dated 23.03.2021 sworn before Notary **G. R. Ravichandra Reddy,** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANJAY RAO,** S/o Srinivasa Vithal, aged about 55 years, R/a Flat No. 108-B Pallava Terrace, Opp. Yadiyur lake, Jayanagar 6th block, Bengaluru 560070, do hearby declare that I have changed my name from **SANJAYKUMAR VITHALBHAI RAV** to **SANJAY RAO,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SANJAY RAO** only, vide affidavit dated 16/03/2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. CHOWDE GOWDA** at Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) JOOZER IDRIS DAWOODI** S/o Idris Yusuf Dawoodi, Residing at No. 47/1, Bannerghatta Road, Amakine Burhaniya, Gottigere, Bangalore - 560 083 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) JOOZER IDRIS DAWOODI** to **(NEW NAME) JUZER IDRIS DAWOODI** vide affidavit dated 23.03.2021 sworn before notary Prakash. C, Bangalore.

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C.Misc. No. 127/2021

Smt. CHIKKAHANUMAKKA W/o Veerananjappa, @ Veerananjaiah @ Eranajappa, Aged about 91 years, R/at Marappanapalya Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk

....PETITIONER

V/S

The Thasildar (Registrar of Births and Deaths) Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore

....RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of petitioner's Husband by name **Veerananjappa, @ Veeranajaiah @ Eranajappa** S/o Kareputtanna was died on **18.05.1986** at Marappanapalya village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. The Hon'ble court has fixed on **19.04.2021** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11 AM Failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this the 22/03/2021.

Advocate for the Petitioner
Sri. VENAKTARAMAIAH
Advocate,
1st Floor, TAPCMS Complex, Nelamangala Town.

By order of the Court
Sd/- Shiresthedar
Civil judge & JMFC,
Nelamangala

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of my client Mrs. Shivakalal W/o Sounder Rajan, Residing at No. 20, 3rd Main Road, Sreenivas Reddy Compound, Mattadahalli, Bangalore North, RT Nagar, Bangalore, is intend to purchase the property more fully described in the Schedule from its owner Sri. Ambarish .M, S/o Sri. S. Munivenkatappa, Residing at No.32, HL 203, Balachandra Layout, Near Ganesh Temple, Babusapalya, Kalyana Nagar Post, Bangalore, who had purchased schedule property from his vendor Sri Saravanan V, S/o K. Vijayakumar resident of OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore and Sri P.N. Madhusudan S/o Late Nambiar PVN, resident of Padmalayam, Sanjeeva Reddy Street, Subbannapalya, MS Nagar, Bangalore.

Therefore, Any person/s having any right, title, interest, lien, charge or claim by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, inheritance, possession, tenancy, beneficial interest under any decree, order or Award or otherwise claiming whatsoever in or over the Schedule Property or to any portions thereof, may submit their objection/s, claim/s, in writing to the under signed, through Registered Post, along with the supporting documentary evidence, within 14 days of the issuance of this notice, failing which the negotiations will be completed, without any reference to such claims, and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential plot/site bearing South -West Portion of Site No. 4, Khatha No.121/3/179, formed in Property No.121, New property No.121/3, now assigned as Property No. 121, in the layout known as 'RAJANNA LAYOUT", measuring East to West 32 feet, North to South 24.5 feet in all measuring 784 sq. ft. Horamavu Agra Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP.

BOUNDARIES FOR THE ENTIRE PROPERTY: On the **East by:** Remaining portion of same site No. 4, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Remaining portion of same site No.4, **South by:** Site No.3.

Smt. SHAILAJA, Advocate
No.29, 4th Main, Brindavan Extension, Arekere Mico Layout, BG Road, Bangalore.
Ph: 9972233600 Date 20/03/2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client has contracted with **Sri. Murali @ Murali Reddy,** S/o. late B. L. Narayana Reddy, residing at No.690/E, 14th Main, Opp. VET School, J. P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560 078, for purchase of the property described in the schedule herebelow, on his representation that he is the absolute owner of the same.

Any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest of whatsoever manner with regard to the Schedule Property or anybody opposing the sale transaction may lodge such claim or objection, in writing with documentary proof to the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of this Notice, failing which my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction, presuming that there are no valid claims or objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant **Site No.415** intermediate, Khatha No.415, situated RBI HBCS Layout, J.P.Nagar 7th Phase, Kothanur, Bangalore (being the site situated in the layout formed by the RBI Staff Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk), within the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West : **30'-03"**; North to South : **50'-06"**, totally measuring **1527 Sq. feet** and bounded on the; **East** by : Site No.416; **West** by : Site No.414; **North** by : Road and **South** by : Site No.420.

NARASIMHAMURTHY A.S. Advocate,
No.31, 5th Cross, 23rd Main. J. P. Nagar
7th Phase, Bangalore-560 078
Mob.9886434287 also contact
Mr. J. Gajendra Naidu 9448351931

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed, that our client have proposed to develop a permanent Multiplex Cinema (6 Screens) Theatre on the below mentioned **Schedule Property** and has applied for grant of necessary approvals. Notice is hereby given to all concerned that should any person/s has/have any objection or any claim of any nature over the same, they are requested to lodge their written objections/claims with substantial documentary proof to the undersigned within **15 (Fifteen) Days** from the date of publication of this notice. If there are no objections or claims forthcoming within the above stipulated time, our client shall construe that there are no objections/claims and deem to be free from claims/demands. Further, any subsequent objection/claims by anybody thereafter shall not be taken into consideration.

:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that property bearing Khata No.2576/62/2, in converted land bearing Sy.No.62/2 (Old Sy.No.62/1, previously Sy.No.62), situated at Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the limits of BBMP Ward No.5 – Jakkur, measuring about 3288.07 Sq.Meters and bounded by:

East : Bangalore – Bellahalli Road;
West : Property bearing Sy.No.75;
North : Property bearing Sy.No.63/1;
South : Private Property.

S.R.BALASUBRAMANYAM & S.KEERTHIKAR, Advocates,
No.216, 4th Main Road, 3rd Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bengaluru-560 078.
Tel: 26581208.
Mob: 9845007515/9845066604
Email: srbalu@gmail.com
Place: Bengaluru, Dated: 23/03/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client's Sri. Jayanth Kumar M.J, S/o. Late Jayaramaiah M.N. and Sri. Santhosh Kumar M.J. S/o Late Jayaramaiah M.N. both are residing at No.202, Sai Sumukha Samruddhi, 1st Cross, S.K. Nagaraj Layout, J.P.Nagar, 8th Phase, Bengaluru-560078 have agreed to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from Smt. Manjula W/o late N.S.Venkatesh and Sri. V. Abhiram S/o. late N.S.Venkatesh, both are residing at MF.12/5, B.D.A. Flats, 1st Main Road, BTM 2nd Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076, who declares and represent that they are the absolute owners in actual possession and enjoyment of the schedule property.

Any person/s having any manner of right, title or interest in or over the schedule property, are hereby call upon to lodge their such claims or objections with the undersigned in writing with supporting documents within **07 (seven) days** from the date of this publication. If any such objections or claims are not received within the said period, my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property and the claims received after the said period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the residential converted immoveable property **bearing Plot No.385, (Old No. 19), measuring to an extent of 2010 square feets, in the Layout of Pavamana Residency, formed out of Sy.No.7/1A and 10/4, with (Old Khata No.352/10/4/19), New BBMP Khatha No.516/352/10/4/10/19/385, situated at Pillaganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru,** and bounded on: East by: Plot No.393 (Old No. 18) and measuring on that side 60 feet, West by Private Property and measuring on that side 60 feet, North by : Road and measuring on that side 37 feet and South by: Plot No.386 (Old No.16) and measuring on that side on 30 feet, East to West 37+30/2 and North to South 60 feet.

PRABHU K.R., Advocate
No.451/3, 1st Floor, 15th Cross, Lakkasandra, Near Deepthi Nursing Home, Bangalore-560030. Mob. No. 9845788084

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that we are investigating the title and ownership rights of M/s Spraying Systems (India) Private Limited [hereafter referred to as "SSIPL] having its Registered Office at Plot No.303 & 304, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, 4th Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore, in its capacity as the owner of the Industrial Vacant Land bearing measuring **10 Acres (Ten Acres)** in Sy. No.17/1, 17/2, 4/P, 3/P & 1/1B of Gangadharanapalya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property".

All persons/entities including an individual, Hindu Undivided Family, a company, bank/s, financial institutions, non-banking financial institutions, lenders and/or creditors having any right, title, interest, claim in respect of the Schedule Property thereof by way of inheritance, bequest, transfer, mortgage, pledge, charge, lien, license, assignment, tenancy, gift, encumbrance, family arrangements/settlement, release, succession, decree or order of any competent court of law, contracts/ agreements, development rights, partnership, right of way, contracts or any other liability or any commitment thereof by whatever nature, are hereby requested to intimate in writing along with documentary evidence to the undersigned at the address mentioned above within Seven(07) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be deemed that they have given up such claims and further such claims shall not be enforceable/binding on the said "SSIPL" and/ or an impediment to the title of "SSIPL" and the same shall be treated as clear and marketable.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Industrial Vacant Land measuring **(i) 6 Acres 08 Guntas in Sy. No.17/1, (ii) 0-17 Guntas in Sy. No.17/2, (iii) 1 Acre 10 Guntas in Sy. No.4/P, (iv) 0-23 Guntas in Sy. No.3/P and (v) 1 Acre 22 Guntas in Sy. No.1/1B,** totally measuring **10 Acres (Ten Acres),** situated at Gangadharanapalya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Remaining Extent of Sy. No. 3P & 1/2P purchased By M/s Makam Pharmachem
West by : Private Property
North by : Private Property
South by : Property of Luwa India Pvt. Ltd. in Sy. No.3P & 4P

R PURSHOTAM, Advocate,
M/s RPM Associates
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Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

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DEUTSCHE BANK AG

POSSESSION NOTICE (Appendix IV [Rule 8 (1)])

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Deutsche Bank AG, India ("Bank") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **11/10/2019** calling upon the borrower **M/s. VSM Solar Private Limited, Mr. Srinivasan Sampath and Ms. Mythili Sampath ("Borrower")** to repay the outstanding amount as mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 5,58,69,524.54 (Rupees Five Crore Fifty Eight Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four and Fifty Four Paisa Only),** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said act on this 19th day of March of the year 2021.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for an amount of **Rs. 5,58,69,524.54 (Rupees Five Crore Fifty Eight Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four and Fifty Four Paisa Only)** and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Properties :

All the piece and parcel of site No.185 Block No.1 in Banashankari 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase Extension measuring East to West 50'-0" North to South 73'-0" together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:

On the East by : Site No. 186 ; **On the West by :** Site No.184 ; **On the North by :** Site No. 174 & 173 ; **On the South by :** 100 feet Road.

Sd/-
Date : 24.03.2021 **(Dhaneshwar Koganur)**
Place : Bengaluru **Authorised Officer, Deutsche Bank AG.**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Appendix IV [Rule 8 (1)])

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Deutsche Bank AG, India ("Bank") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **31/07/2020** calling upon the borrower **Mr. H K Annayappa, M/s. Sri Sai Polymers and Mr. H A Ranjith Kumar ("Borrower")** to repay the outstanding amount as mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 85,35,506.56 (Rupees Eighty Five Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Six and Fifty Six Paisa Only),** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said act on this 19th day of March of the year 2021.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for an amount of **Rs. 85,35,506.56 (Rupees Eighty Five Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Six and Fifty Six Paisa Only)** and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Properties :

Bangalore South Taluk, Krishnarajapura Hobli, new BBMP limit Hoodi grama gramatana Katha No 193 and 194, new Katha no 217 and 218, property no 165/166, property measuring East to West 71.5 feet and North to South 31.5 feet in total 2252.25 square feet and bounded on :

East by : Private Property of Sri. P. Veerappa Reddy ; **West by :** Road ; **North by :** Private Property of Sri. Raghavachari ; **South by :** Private Property of Sri. Srinivasa Reddy.

Sd/-
Date : 24.03.2021 **(Dhaneshwar Koganur)**
Place : Bengaluru **Authorised Officer, Deutsche Bank AG.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Sri.V.Narasimha Reddy, S/o.Sri.V.Srinivasulu Reddy, residing at Parimala Trinity Apts., 1st Floor, No.105, C-Block, Boganahalli Road, Panathuru, Bangalore-560108 has entered into a Registered Agreement of Sale, dt:18-02-2020, registered as document No.7782/2019-20, Document Stored in CD No.MLRD4611, Book-I, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Malur with the Land Owner viz., Sri.M.Ravi, S/o.Sri.A.N.Murthy, residing at Opposite Government college, Adarshnagar, Malur Town, Malur-563130, Kolar District and the Confirming Party viz., Sri.K.L.Ramesh Babu, S/o.Sri.K.B.Lakshmana Reddy, residing at No.13/2, 3rd Main, 16th Cross, Lakkasandra, Bangalore-560030 in respect of the **Schedule Properties.**

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SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of undeveloped General Engineering and Fabrication purpose converted land bearing Sy.No.22/2, measuring 01 guntas, situated at Seethanayakanahalli Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of undeveloped General Engineering and Fabrication purpose converted land bearing Sy.No.22/3, measuring 18 guntas, situated at Seethanayakanahalli Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District.

Item Nos.1 and 2 are totally measuring 19 guntas and commonly bounded on the:

East : Malur-Hosur Road — West : Kodagi Munireddy's Land
North : Government pond & burial ground — South : S.Manjunath & Narayana Reddy's Land

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of undeveloped General Engineering and Fabrication purpose converted land bearing Sy.No.22/4, measuring 6 guntas, situated at Seethanayakanahalli Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded on the:

East : Malur-Hosur Road — West : Narayana Reddy's Land
North : Land belongs to the Vendor — South : Channel

Item No.4: All that piece and parcel of undeveloped General Engineering and Fabrication purpose converted land bearing Sy.No.20/4, measuring 39½ guntas, situated at Seethanayakanahalli Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded on the:

East : Venkata Reddy's Land — West : Narayana Reddy's Land
North : Burial ground — South : Seethanayakanahalli Masjid Road

Item No.5: All that piece and parcel of undeveloped General Engineering and Fabrication purpose converted land bearing Sy.No.20/5, measuring 12 guntas, situated at Seethanayakanahalli Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded on the:

East : Iliyas Pasha's Land — West : Land belongs to the Vendor
North : Burial ground and Channel — South : Masjid Road and Channel.

SD/- **K.VENKATA SUDHEER,** ADVOCATE
NO.548/51/1, 1ST FLOOR, GARUTHMAN PARK, ANDAL TEMPLE STREET
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Mrs. Jayashree
M : 6361220746 / 9900864183

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E-Tender Notice No. COMML/MYS /08/2021 Dated: 18.03.2021

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work :

Name of Work
Appointment/Selection of Train halt agent at Kenchanalu halt station situated between Birur-Talguppa section, Krishnarajasagar halt station situated between Mysuru-Hassan Section & Arbhagatta halt station situated between Birur & Holalkere section over Mysuru Division.

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PUB/296/AAV/PRB/SWR/2020-21 **Mysuru**

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E-mail: tenders.pmrp@mahametro.org | www.punemetrorail.org

Tender Notice No. P1EG-02R/2021 Dt. 23.03.2021

NAME OF THE WORK: Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Storage, Civil Work, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of the Rooftop and Boundary Walls mounted Solar PV projects under RESCO Model including Operation and Comprehensive Maintenance (O&M) of 5.0 MWp Solar PV project for a period of 25 years after commissioning of 10 Nos. of Elevated Stations and 2 Nos. of Depots for Pune Metro Rail Project.

Cost of Documents: INR 35,400/- (INR Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Only) incl. GST

Interested bidders may visit Pune Metro Rail website www.punemetrorail.org or download the bidding documents and obtain further details regarding the tender from our e-tender portal https://mahametrorail.etenders.in from 16:00 hours on 23.03.2021.

Executive Director
(Procurement & Contracts)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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North : Own Property — South : Land belongs to Sy.No.19

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North : Land belongs to Sy.No.23 — South : Land belongs to Sy.No.20/3

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No/DKMU/INSURANCE / 154 /2020-21 **Date:23-03-2021**

TENDER NOTIFICATION THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT

Tenders are invited for Providing Fire and Special Peril insurance policy for Building and plant and Machineries of Dakshina Kannada Milk Union Ltd under two bid (Technical and Commercial) systems through e-procurement portal of government of Karnataka. The reputed Insurance Companies may apply through **website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sl.No.	Name of the work	EMD(in Rs)
1	Tender for Providing Fire and Special Peril insurance policy for Building and plant and Machinaries of Dakshina Kannada Milk Union Ltd . for the period of 01-05-2021 to 30-04-2022	10,000/-

The last date for submission of bids is **05-04-2021 up to 4.00 PM**
Date of opening of technical tender is on **06-04-2021 at 4:30 PM**
Date of opening of Commercial tender: will be initiated later.

Item wise detailed Tender Form cost is as E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka. The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Further details can be had form e-procurement website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Helpdesk phone: **080-46010000 / 22631200** and email : **support@ihelpdsk. com.**

Date: 23-03-2021
Place: Mangalore **Sd/-,MANAGING DIRECTOR**

NMDC Limited

(A Government of India Enterprise)
'Khanij Bhavan', 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad - 500 028, CIN- L13100TG1958G0I001674

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR BUYING LIMESTONE

NMDC Ltd., a Navratna Public Sector Company under the Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, intends to develop a Limestone Mine at the rate of 5 Million Tonnes Per annum at Arki in Solan District of Himachal Pradesh. Out of 5 MTPA of Limestone Production, Lump quantity of 3.7 MTPA and Fines quantity of 1.3 MTPA will be available for Sale.

NMDC invites Expression of Interest from the interested parties along with their offers indicating their requirement of Limestone (quantity and quality) per annum in Rs. per Tonne exclusive of applicable taxes.

A brief of the project, detailed product specifications and format for submitting the EOI can be viewed and /or downloaded from the NMDC's website **https://www.nmdc.co.in/** and Central Procurement portal **https://eprocure.gov.in/** from **24.03.2021 to 23.04.2021**. Last date for receipt of EOI application is **23.04.2021**.

For accessing the document from NMDC Website's Tenders Section (**https://tenders.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/**), the party has to register as 'New User'.

For accessing the document from Central Procurement Portal (**https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/#main-content**) the party has to click on "Active Tenders".

For further clarifications, contact: - Email: sinhask@nmdc.co.in, Phone: 8500667319 , 9160863322

CGM (Resource Planning)

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KARNATAKA SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Bannerghatta Road, Dairy Circle, Bengaluru - 29.
Ph. No: 080-29555085 E-mail ID : sankalp_portal@kaushalkar.com

No: ITE/KSDC/SANKALP/NEP/CR122/2020-21 **Date: 22.03.2021**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Skill Development Corporation has invited the Tenders under SANKALP Project in two cover bid system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 through e-procurement portal. Bids are invited from the eligible and registered suppliers for the services for the following Extended date & Retender.

Sl. No.	Tender Document Title	Tender Document Number	Last date for Proposal Submission	Remarks
1	Translation of Content in Local language (English to Kannada).	ITE/KSDC/SANKALP/ TCLL/CR125/2020-21	31th March, 2021	Date Extended
2	Setting up of five English Language laboratories and providing language training	ITE/KSDC/SANKALP/ ELPLT/CR124/2020-21 CALL-2	4th April, 2021	Re-tender
3	Knowledge Partner for Implementation of Nano Entrepreneurship Program	ITE/KSDC/SANKALP/ NEP/CR122/2020-21 CALL-2	4th April, 2021	Re-tender

The e-Tender notification documents & tender processing fees, EMD details are available in e-procurement web portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Help desk-Phone No. **+91-80-46010000 / +91-80-68948777** or may also contact the office during working hours.

Tender Inviting Authority
Sd/- Executive Director, KSDC, Bengaluru.

DIPR/DDU/YC/3208/2020-21

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The DMK on Tuesday claimed that Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami has no moral grounds to identify himself as a farmer as he does not even have one cent farm land.

An AMMK party supporter carries a pressure cooker (the party's symbol) on his head while campaigning in Royapettah, Chennai, on Tuesday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

Will Third Front remain a dream in Tamil Nadu?

DMK, AIADMK hold maximum voteshare

OMJASVIN M D @ Chennai

TAMIL NADU has been rhythmically swinging between two Dravidian parties for the last several decades. No national party has been able to change that pattern, and have always had to play second-fiddle to regional forces. As a result, policies and governance in Tamil Nadu, unlike rest of India, continued to focus on the typical and peculiar needs of the locals. Through all these years, many smaller parties mushroomed -- promising to provide a non-Dravidian governance model to the State, capture the space of Third Front.

So far, none of them have even been able to make a significant impact in the State's electoral landscape. This time, as the State goes to polls without two of its tallest leaders of Dravidian politics, there are many more alternatives in the fray. There's actor Kamal Haasan's Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM), filmmaker-turned-activist Seeman's Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK), and AIADMK's splinter group Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK).

All these parties managed to poll 5 per cent votes in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, giving them hopes of becoming the third major party in the State. If fortunes smile upon them, neither Dravidian party will be able to reach the magic number, bringing the Third Front to the frontline to become king-makers. But, such dreams aside, data is not on their side. For the last 30 years, DMK and AIADMK have managed to garner more than 60 per cent of the total vote share. If their allies are included, the number shoots up to 85 per cent.

That leaves the new aspirants with a meagre 15 per cent vote share, unless they are able to wean more and more voters from Dravidian parties.

Commenting on the possibility of a third-party in Tamil Nadu, political analyst Raveendran Duraisamy says people vote for leaders and presently, the parties projecting themselves as an alternative, are just there for their own interests.

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

AIADMK MP passes away

Ranipet/Chennai: AIADMK's minorities wing joint secretary and Rajya Sabha member A Mohammed John died of 'sudden severe' heart attack on Tuesday in Ranipet. He was 73, and is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter. Sources said the former minister developed chest pain while he was resting at home following a campaign. ENS

Project polarisation underway in TN

Chennai: With just two weeks left for polling, social media platforms are rife with content aimed at polarising the electorate. BJP and its social media warriors have trained their guns on DMK and its allies. An analysis revealed that many of the videos, widely shared by accounts that are followed by prominent persons, are old, edited, and, at times, misleading. The focus of these messages is largely the DMK top brass. ENS

Pinarayi quashes voter fraud claims

Alappuzha: Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday said the rejection of nomination papers of NDA candidates at Thalassery, Guruvayur, and Devikulam, Pinarayi was a BJP-Congress nexus. "There is some agenda behind this and if people suspect that it will help UDF, then no one can be blamed. Congress had received BJP votes in the past." ENS

Swapna's statements put Speaker in a fix

P RAMDAS @ Kochi

ALREADY in the eye of a storm over his questionable role in the gold smuggling and reverse hawala cases, it has come out in the open that Speaker P Sreeramakrishnan had wanted to start a branch of Oman-based Middle East College, in which he allegedly has stakes, in Sharjah.

Besides, he had requested the Sharjah ruler to provide land free of cost to construct the college building, according to key accused **Swapna Suresh**'s deposition to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) which got leaked to the media on Tuesday.

In another damning revelation, Sarith P S, another accused, stated that the speaker had given him a bag containing around ten bundles of currency notes for handing over to the UAE consul-general.

The contents of the depositions were revealed to the High Court as part of ED's petition opposing the state Crime Branch's probe against its officials. The petition seeks a CBI inquiry into the Crime Branch's action of registering a case accusing the agency's officials of forcing Swapna to give a statement implicating the chief minister in the two cases when she was lodged in the Women's Jail at Attakkulangara in Thiruvananthapuram.

According to her deposition before the ED deputy director at the jail on December 15, 2020, Sreeramakrishnan had told her that he had an investment in Middle East College. The ED also unearthed Swapna's WhatsApp messages to CM's former principal secretary M Sivasankar in this regard.

According to Swapna, Lafeer, an NRI from Ponnani, Malappuram, is the owner of Middle East College in Oman. She was introduced to Lafeer and Kiran, a native of Thiruvananthapuram and dean of the college, by Sreeramakrishnan and Sivasankar. Sreeramakrishnan wanted to start a branch of the college in Sharjah and he had requested the Sharjah ruler for land for the same.

UP Bajrang Dal attack on nuns: Kerala BJP unit writes to Yogi, seeks inquiry

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THE Bharatiya Janata Party's Kerala unit on Tuesday sought an inquiry into the recent incident in Jhansi in which four nuns, including two postulants, were attacked by Bajrang Dal members while they were travelling by train to their homes at Rourkela in Odisha.

Condemning the incident, Kerala BJP general secretary George Kurian wrote a letter to party colleague and Uttar Pradesh Minister Yogi Adityanath seeking an inquiry into the matter and demanding punishment for the "overzealous individuals", including police personnel who harassed the nuns. "It is learnt that four nuns belonging to the Sacred Heart Congregation of Delhi Province who were on their way to Odisha from Delhi on train had to face some harrowing time due to the action of some overzealous individuals and police," Kurian's letter said.

Kurian, who is also former vice-chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities described the ordeal of the nuns in detail but he did not name Bajrang Dal in his letter to the UP chief minister. Kurian said, "Although they were bonafide religious people, as they were not indulging in any proselytizing activity, they had to alight at Jhansi for questioning by the police. May I request your good offices to kindly order an inquiry and punish those who are responsible for such harassment of nuns."

The postulants, who had joined the Sacred Hearts Congregation of the Delhi Province recently, were travelling for the first time to their homes. The postulants were accompanied by two nuns of their Order.

Bajrang Dal workers, who had boarded the train from Rishikesh, created a ruckus on the train after seeing the postulants with nuns in their religious habits alleging that they were being taken for religious conversion.

Following this, the workers approached the railway police and misinformed the authorities that the nuns were taking the postulants for forcible religious conversion, following which they were taken into custody. The nuns were rescued after senior police officials intervened. On Monday, the Syro-Malabar Church of Kerala had also condemned the incident.

A health worker collects swab samples from a man, in Hyderabad on Tuesday | VINAY MADAPU

After Covid surge, TS schools shut

ENS @ Hyderabad

ALL educational institutions in the State, except for medical colleges, will be temporarily closed from Wednesday due to a spike in Covid-19 cases. Education Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy made a statement to this effect in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday. The decision was taken in the wake of students in several educational institutions testing positive for Covid-19 of late.

"Covid-19 is spreading again in country. Same is the case with the neighbouring states. Sporadic cases of Covid-19 have also been reported in educational institutions in the State. The government is of the opinion that sporadic cases could again explode into a pandemic if teaching and non-teaching activities continue on a mass scale," the Education Minister said.

She stated that educational institutions have been closed in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and other states. Sabitha said that parents were apprehensive following the rise in Covid cases. "We have received requests from parents to close the educational institutions in the state temporarily. Keeping the health of teachers and students in mind, the government took a decision to close all the institutions temporarily in order to prevent the further spread of the Covid-19," she said.

Kannada medium teachers call off strike after minister's assurance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru:

HUNDREDS of teachers of private Kannada medium schools called off their protest after Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar assured them of grant-in-aid status for their schools. These teachers are said to have been getting an honorarium, and the status of an aided school would help them earn a salary.

"The education department's demand was to give grant-in-aid status to private unaided Kannada medium schools, and this was discussed with the Chief Minister," Kumar said.

He was speaking at an event with members of the association of Kannada medium schools in the state, Karnataka State Private Education Institutions Administrators Association, and representatives of various teachers' organisation.

Kumar said that a proposal was given to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, but due to the Covid crisis, no allocations were made for the same. "Despite that, I held discussions with the chief minister about providing grant-in-aid status to 685 primary schools and 211 high schools of Kannada medium, that were established between 1995 and 2000," he said, adding that he would make another attempt to speak to the CM. He said the department will need an estimated Rs 138.39 crore for this.

He said he would talk to the finance department about rolling out the 'Jyoti Sanjivini' health insurance scheme for aided and unaided private schools as well.

Private unaided school and college teachers will be lifetime members of the State Teachers' Benefit Fund, Kumar said here on Tuesday. The outline for enrolling private school teachers in the teachers' welfare fund was being chalked out, and would be made official, he added.

On the development of educational institutes in Kalyan Karnataka region, he said that senior officials will hold a meeting to gauge how it is possible to help private schools.

Renewal certificate

The minister said that private aided and unaided primary, high school and PU colleges which required their Renewal of Recognition certificates, were given relief, the minister said. Hence a report on simplified basic safety norms has been sought by the S V Sankanoor Committee in four weeks.

NO SHINE FOR THEM

A woman looks at brass artifacts placed on display by a street vendor, in Shilparamam, Hyderabad, on Tuesday. Even though it has been a year since the Covid-19 pandemic struck, these vendors still find it difficult to sell their wares | VINAY MADAPU

EXPRESS READ

Mahadayi project: Committee to inspect site on March 26

Belagavi: A week after its first visit to the Kalasa-Banduri project site, the three-member joint inspection committee (JIC) will visit the site again on March 26. The committee is expected to submit a report to the Supreme Court on whether water from Mahadayi river was diverted by the Karnataka government via Kalasa Nala in violation of the court orders under the project. The committee inspected the project site for the first time on March 19 and conducted a survey to ascertain whether water was diverted via the nala. According to sources, the JIC is expected to submit its report to the apex court on the issue within the next few days as the hearing into the case is scheduled for April 4 in the court. ENS

Sabrimala temple: TDB to re-launch queue system

M S VIDYANANDAN @ T'Puram

AS the issue of the entry of women to Sabarimala takes centre stage in the assembly election, the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) is suspecting foul play to sabotage the pilgrimage. The low conversion rate of darshan bookings into actual visits could be the result of an organised attempt, according to TDB president N Vasu. The board plans to counter this through a new virtual queue system wherein a nominal charge would be levied for darshan bookings.

"On average, the actual turnout was less than 50 per cent of the bookings, both during the annual pilgrimage season and the ongoing Uthram festival season. The average footfall these days is less than 3,000 which is not even half the number of actual bookings," Vasu told *TNIE*.

"Mass bookings are made in the names of 10 or 100 persons and none of them would turn up for darshan. We suspect a foul play in that. It could be an organised effort and is pretty easy because there is no fee for booking. There could be people who want to make the pilgrimage a failure," he said.

On whether the board would demand the government to carry out a probe, Vasu said it was a difficult and futile exercise. "What can we do if a person who has made a booking does not turn up for darshan?" he asked. Most of the bookings and cancellations are by people from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Madras High Court grants bail to Justice Karnan

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court on Tuesday granted conditional bail to former judge of the court Justice CS Karnan who was arrested for uploading derogatory contents in social media against former judges of the Supreme Court and their families.

Justice V Bharathidasan granted bail on the condition that a personal bond of ₹50,000 along with two sureties are furnished.

The judge granted the bail after the counsel for Justice Karnan undertook not to make any statement, posts against judges, the institution, their family, staff, lawyers and others. ENS

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EDITORIAL

A man attached to desire cannot get solitude wherever he may be; a detached man is always in solitude

Ramana Maharshi

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— Ramnath Goenka

SC LOAN WAIVER RULING BALANCES BIZ, CONSUMER INTERESTS

The Supreme Court has finally drawn stumps on the interest waiver issue nearly a year after the RBI first announced a three-month loan moratorium (extended to six months) but was challenged like a dose of salts. Tuesday's verdict against a batch of petitions has several parts. First up, the SC refused a blanket interest waiver on loans, but allowed waiver of interest-on-interest. Any amount recovered from borrowers will be refunded. Perhaps going by the principle of equality, it further directed the government to extend the compound interest waiver to all borrowers and not just those with a loan outstanding of less than ₹2 crore preferred by the Centre. The SC also dismissed pleas seeking extension of loan moratorium beyond six months (August 2020) and lifted its previous ruling preventing banks from classifying bad loans. This ends uncertainty on actual NPAs, which some estimate to be at least ₹1 lakh crore more than the current statistics. Lastly, sticking to its jurisdiction, the Bench decided against granting sector-wise reliefs, and humbly noted that economic policy and financial package (stimulus) weren't its turf.

In all, the SC's ruling balanced business and consumer interests as a total interest waiver sets a bad precedent diluting credit culture and importantly could collapse the entire banking system. Per estimates, a total interest waiver could cost over ₹6 lakh crore to banks and financial institutions. On the other hand, waiving compound interest is relatively inexpensive at about ₹15,000 crore. Given that the government has already provided for about ₹5,500 crore, it only needs to spend an extra ₹7,000-8,500 crore.

That said, temporary measures like the loan moratorium introduced to tide over the pandemic were designed to save all stakeholders from economic ruin. Almost every country announced it and though the intent was good, unfortunately, it landed both the RBI and government in a pickle. Universally, interest payments, including compound interest, are seldom waived under a moratorium. But given the extraordinary circumstances, the government should have exercised powers under the Disaster Management Act, granting a waiver at least on penal interest at the very beginning to avoid the discomfort and embarrassment.

FOR TRANSPARENCY IN TEMPLE MANAGEMENT

In the wake of allegations of corruption in the management of temples, not to mention attacks, the Andhra Pradesh government has taken a series of corrective measures, the latest being the launch of a comprehensive management system that covers all temples under the control of the endowments department. The objective is to ensure transparency and root out corruption. From that perspective, there can be no doubt that it is a good move.

Any information pertaining to temples, including their assets, income and expenditure, staff and services, among others, can be accessed online. Donations or gifts can also be made online to a specific temple. This ensures public scrutiny and may go some way in making temple staff accountable. The recent Kanaka Durga temple episode wherein 16 employees were suspended for irregularities unearthed in searches by the anti-corruption bureau (ACB) brought to light what was always known—rot in the management of the famous hill shrine. It is heartening that at long last there is a conscious effort to clean up and run temples as they ought to be. Nonetheless, one needs to take a hard look at the larger picture to find a lasting solution to the vexed issue of management of temples. More government control is surely not the answer but at the same time, those vociferously opposing it must come up with a viable alternative. All the major temples in the state are run by trusts, with members appointed by the government. Notwithstanding allegations from time to time, the efficient manner in which the Tirumala temple is being run shows that this system, despite its faults, has been working. The moot question is why aren't other major temples being run the same way?

The problem lies in accountability and quality of people heading the temple administrations. Political interference is largely to blame for this as it has become quite common in appointments. Involvement of respected spiritual leaders and locals is an option that must be explored and trusts must have devout people with impeccable character, not career politicians. Unless these issues are resolved, a permanent solution will continue to be elusive.

We continue to import much of our frontline equipment. Even an agreement to produce imported weapons on home turf has become politically controversial

MAKING ATMANIRBHAR WORK FOR MILITARY

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A recent study has shown that China, with 81 points out of 100, has the strongest military force in the world, followed, yes, by the US with 74 points and Russia, 69. India is the fourth largest at 61 points and France is fifth at 58. This, the Military Direct website claimed using its own parameters, was despite the US annual defence-spend standing at $732 billion against China's woefully low $261 billion and India's $71 billion.

The study claims that the US would win an air war hands down, with 14,141 aircraft against Russia's 4,682 and China's 3,587. Russia has a higher number of land vehicles (54,866), followed by the US (50,326) and China (41,641). Against these figures, China has the highest number of warships, put at 406. Russia comes a distant second with 278, followed by the US and India, 202.

It is fine statistics but they go only up to a point. The superior numbers matter if and only if in adversarial conditions, rival militaries and military groupings fight to the finish—not to win or lose, but towards assured mutual self-destruction. In 'ideal conditions' (a misnomer?), the superior numbers and even quality of weapons at hand do not decide who wins and who loses.

We have our own stories of a supposedly lesser-attractive Russian-made MiG taking out the 'vastly superior' American fighters in successive wars through the past decades. Even at the height of the surgical strikes and the human drama on the capture of the Wg Cdr Abhinandan Varthaman, our American friends were worried if India had shot down one of their superior fighters in Pakistan Air Force (IAF). India has successfully and successively proved that the men behind those weapons matter just as much, if not more, than the machines at their disposal.

Naming game: Having said it all, there is a need for us to evaluate ground realities before putting in more money to climb up the military-evaluation ladder. One fallout—positive, negative or neutral—of the recent Galwan Valley episodes involving an adversarial China is that our defence spending went through the roof, that too when the nation could have ill-afforded it.

The military and political leaders took the right decisions, yes, but possibly at the wrong time for the nation's economy. The question arises as to why the political and bureaucratic leaderships did not get those weapons earlier for our Services if they were of utmost importance to secure our territory and sovereignty, not necessarily in that order.

Yet, there were/are also reports that the government has slowed down on budget allocation for big-ticket acquisitions of the Navy. Given the geostrategic priorities and inherent budget constraints since Independence, the Navy has remained the stepchild in our strategic and security thinking.

Yet, with the end of the Cold War and the emergence of China especially as a seapower, we too began focusing on expanding our Navy and preparing special documents for guiding our investments and acquisition of assets at sea. But one Galwan and our half-halting attempts at floating a second and then a third aircraft carrier has suffered further delays.

> It is here that the PM's call for 'Atmanirbhar', or self-reliance, on the military production front acquires greater significance. The original call came from Prime Minister Nehru when, at the height of the 1948 Pakistani incursions, India discovered that the British predecessor-ruler at New Delhi would not provide the much-needed spares for our vehicles and weapons

Paying through the nose: Pakistan was game for us when it came to new military acquisitions. Like us, Islamabad too has been importing them, mostly from the US and China up to a point, but now from China and Russia. Its spending too was limited to the Sino-American strategic priorities in South and Central Asia, with Pakistan as the pivot. That's not the case for India.

We pay through our nose, but for weapons that we cannot do without all the same. Yet, when it came to the ever-so successful Bangladesh War of 1971, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi suffered huge political losses beginning months afterwards. It was due to a burnt-out economy, which was also burning at both ends thanks to recurring drought years and poor agriculture production.

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Which front to choose from: Unfortunately, we continue to import much of our frontline machines and weapons. Even an agreement to produce imported weapons on home turf has become politically controversial. During the Cold War, it was Soviet-centric, now it's mostly from the US and the rest of the West, Brazil included.

Here is where it pinches. China designs and manufactures all its weapons from scratch, maybe using stolen blueprints from the West, maybe by developing its own systems. China also spends from its pockets on each of those projects. It does not seemingly owe big money to any nation. That has been the all-American failure since winning the two Great Wars of the last century.

Now that Doklam is forgotten and Galwan has settled down, maybe our military planners and policymakers should go back into the inevitable huddle to make the PM's Atmanirbhar dream a reality, not stopping at the surrealistic zone where it still is.

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A TURNING POINT IN BUILDING INDIAN INFRASTRUCTURE

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Development Finance Institution or DFI—this was one of the most important phrases used in the Union Budget presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman earlier this year. In just over six weeks since the Budget proposal was made, the Cabinet has approved the setting up of this DFI.

As India seeks to build public infrastructure at a rapid pace, the country is perennially short of infrastructure capital. By definition, infrastructure capital is patient in nature, not seeking either short-term repayment or long-term financial returns in line with commercial internal rate of returns (IRR) on the projects funded.

Public infrastructure can only be built by putting in capital that is happy with economic rate of return and can wait for cash flows to start accruing. This may require a long wait and endurance. And this is where the proposed DFI comes in. The government proposes to bring a National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NABFID) Bill to set up this DFI under an Act of Parliament.

DFIs have played a key role in nation-building in developing countries. The National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES) in Brazil has been a very effective DFI. The China Development Bank has similarly bankrolled an infrastructure glitz that has been a global talking point for several years.

India had DFIs in the past, but they were aligned more to industrial projects and not to the cause of nation-building. These were in the form of public utility projects, which are critical for defence, productivity enhancement and citizen convenience, but may not have a real commercial model. This is the gap NABFID proposes to fill.

The single biggest advantage that NABFID will enjoy is that it will borrow at a very low cost of capital. It will get the benefits of being a quasi-sovereign body. The structure of NABFID will have many firsts. It will have development objective front and centre in terms of its constitution. The DFI will develop a corporate bond market for its fundraising. It will mainly take in non-recourse long-term finance, including that from sovereign wealth funds as well as multilateral and bilateral institutions, with an option for exit or buyback.

NABFID provides for a professional board, with domain experts driving its working. The board will be able to appoint and remove whole-time directors, thus ensuring that there are no 'lifetime jobs'. The bank will stick to market remuneration for its staff, thus retaining the ability to attract the best talent. The bank will have longer tenures for managing directors and deputy managing directors as well as higher age limits for retirement.

The DFI will use a variety of financial instruments to run its operations. It will deploy the best-fitting instruments to fund specific stages of the project lifecycle. These will include credit enhancement, pass through certificates (PTCs), securitisation and working with InvITs. The Bill will build in enabling provisions to provide support for hedging costs to ensure access to funds in foreign currency is available with exchange rate management through maturity.

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The size of NABFID itself is quite significant. The initial authorised capital will be ₹1 lakh crore and it will be raised to ₹5 lakh crore in the next three years as was announced in the Budget. The government has baked in several enabling provisions to attract eligible investors. The bank will have an income tax exemption for 10 years. The government will charge a concessional fee of 0.1% to provide sovereign guarantee for the funds borrowed. The Bill provides for government grants as well as contributions in the future.

The bank will be allowed to directly borrow from the RBI for up to 90 days. It can also borrow from the central bank for a longer duration but against bills of exchange maturing within five years. The pension and insurance regulators will classify NABFID bonds as approved investments. In turn, the RBI will also make separate provisions against the statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) calculations for institutions holding these bonds.

All in all, the government has already planned for a range of measures that will help NABFID become an attractive destination for infrastructure and development capital. With the extensive global outreach of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the last few years, India will also be able to attract overseas funds from aging economies, which primarily seek principal protection and a small but assured rate of return just over their local low inflation rates.

India has in the past had a tryst with All India Financial Institutions (AIFI)—a collection of DFIs. But these DFIs did not have the range of facilitative levers available to NABFID. Also the clear focus on infrastructure building for this NABFID is a big differentiator in itself as it sets the tone for both the type of investments to be tapped as well as style of operation.

Setting up NABFID is a turning point in building Indian infrastructure for the next few decades. India already has a National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) defined with projects worth ₹120 lakh crore to be executed over the next five years. Given the fiscal constraints under which the Central and state governments are placed right now, the DFI will fill the critical gap of financing this NIP. With the financing option now defined, the government can focus on defining the projects to be executed under the NIP.

Once both the Houses of Parliament approve the NABFID Bill, the institution will come into force. This heralds new and unique opportunities for India to embark on building high-quality, predictable and high-impact physical infrastructure.

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Issues with voters' list

The Election Commission's endorsement of the allegations by Kerala's opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala about multiple entries of voters on the electoral rolls is a serious matter. With the EC's immediate response to the issue, one hopes at least some problems are solved before the polls.

Bijumon PN, Idukki

Action against fake voters

The Chief Electoral Officer's statement on fake voters is welcome as it confirms that proper action will be taken. The perpetrators have committed a grave crime by trying to hoist an undeserving person to a position of public service.

Capt Raju Mathai (Retd), Kochi

Vaccine ambiguity

The Centre has suggested a time lag of six to eight weeks between the two doses of the Covishield vaccine as opposed to the earlier instructions of a gap of four weeks. There is a lot of ambiguity that will only lead to confusion in the minds of the people.

C V Aravind, Bengaluru

No second-dose rush now

The confusion over the gap between the two doses is due to starting the administration of the vaccine before the mandated trial was over. At least now there wouldn't be a rush for the second dose. But what about those who have already taken theirs after four weeks?

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Tardy implementation

This is with reference to *Dealing with the prohibition elephant in the room* (Mar 23). Extolling the virtues of prohibition is all right, but its implementation was tardy in the states where it had been imposed. The suggestion by Kamal Haasan asking states to stay out of the retail alcohol business seems sensible.

A Raveendranath, Aranmula

It's like losing a cash cow

Enforcing prohibition is like losing a cash cow for any state government. The viable alternative would be to discourage the public from consuming alcohol through awareness programmes.

R Sridharan, Chennai

Prioritise health over work

This is with reference to *Protecting yourself from burnout at work* (Mar 23). Good conversations with the boss, seeking professional help, learning to prioritise health over work, taking occasional breaks, etc., can help protect against workplace burnout.

P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Good vs bad stress

The article is very relevant in this day and age. Workplace burnout causes mental issues like depression and anxiety, and some of them may be irreversible. One needs to understand the difference between productive and harmful stress.

C Ghanshyam, Visakhapatnam

NCT Bill undemocratic

It is distressing that the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021, was passed in Lok Sabha amidst stiff opposition. It is undemocratic for a region to be declared the sole domain of an L-G, passing over the people's elected representatives.

Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

Why posthumous?

It is great that the Gandhi Peace Prize 2020 was conferred on Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The people of Bangladesh must be congratulated. But is it good practice to award it to a person posthumously after 45 years? Why was it not awarded when he was alive?

O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh
The government should be such that it is sensitive towards the poor. Our PM has implemented the 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' to help the poor

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
BJP is using syllabus to introduce its own Hindutva ideology. There is a place to study mythology, religious texts, etc but it is not in UG history courses

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Congress promises are not only right for state economies but also for people's rights- better wages & employment by building trust & harmony

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

BJP is closing down all central concerns. Only one factory will be there, that of Narendra Modi's lies and the BJP's fraud... I will not let go of an inch without a fight —Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal CM

Five years back there was no discussion on development of Assam and divisions were created among people on the basis of areas, for political gains. That changed under PM Narendra Modi —Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh CM

With 5 guarantees, Congress has given a roadmap for Assam. BJP is confused over 2 CMs, lies in its manifesto and handing over the key of the state to Delhi —Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Congress

Shah and Mamata trade salvos as game of blaming each other goes on

Home minister warns those involved in siphoning off Amphan money, Didi terms BJP 'dacoits'

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

ELECTION campaign in West Bengal is turning out to be a contest to outscream each other. More than political agendas, parties are pursuing personal lines of attack and indulging in a game of mu slinging. Tuesday was no different as West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and Union Home Minister Amit Shah traded barbs during addressing ralliess.

Shah hit out at Mamata's nephew and TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee and accused him of messing up with funds sent by the Centre as relief for the victims of Cyclone Amphan. The CM branded BJP as a party of monsters and dacoits.

Addressing a rally in Gosaba, a stronghold of the ruling TMC in South 24 Parganas district, Shah warned that all those involved in the compensation scam will be put behind bars if the saffron party comes to power in the state. "Modiji had sent ₹10,000 crore for Amphan relief. Did you get its benefit? Nephew and his associates siphoned off the fund. After coming to power, we will set up a special investigation team and probe all discrepancies. No one will be spared. We will put all those involved in the scam behind bars," said Shah without mentioning Abhishek's name.

TMC secretary general Partha Chatterjee termed Shah's claim false. "The Centre had given only ₹1,000 crore against our demand of ₹6,000 crore," he said.

In a prompt reply after Shah's attack, Mamata said: "They (BJP) want to run one factory in the country which is manufacturing lies. They are selling everything. BJP is a party of monsters and dacoits."

Though Mamata had hitherto not named the saffron camp for the injury on her leg, on Tuesday she held BJP responsible for the incident. "BJP thought I would not leave home after they hit my leg. My one leg is enough to kick them out of Bengal," she said at a rally in Purulia district.

A Trinamool Congress rally in West Bengal's Howrah district on Tuesday | PTI

37
of 345 candidates contesting in second phase of Assam polls have criminal cases against them

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candidates, at least, in the West Bengal Assembly elections have declared that they have zero assets

EC modifies rule on polling agents

Kolkata: The Election Commission has revised its rules for polling agents, allowing a party to nominate a polling agent for any booth within the assembly segment where the person is an electorate. Earlier, a polling agent had to be a voter of the booth where he was to be a polling agent. "This new norm will help the parties appoint one polling agent to each booth. It will help any party to appoint a polling agent amid the Covid-19 pandemic, since getting one agent at this hour may be difficult," the EC said.

Activist alleges torture in jail

Guwahati: Anti-CAA activist Akhil Gogoi in a letter from jail on Tuesday alleged physical and mental torture in custody and claimed he was offered instant bail by NIA interrogators if he joined RSS or BJP. The letter released by Gogoi's newly floated political outfit Raijor Dal said that the peasant leader was taken to Delhi on December 18, 2019 without the court's permission. "At the NIA headquarter, I was given only one dirty blanket. I slept on the floor in 3-4 degree Celsius of temperature," he claimed.

Defence veteran Saha BJP candidate in Bengal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE BJP on Tuesday fielded Lt Gen Subrata Saha, currently member of the National Security Advisory Board and School of Military Affairs Director, as the party's candidate in the West Bengal Assembly elections. Saha has been fielded from the Rashbehari constituency, where TMC has won since 1998.

Releasing a list of 13 candidates for different phases of elections in West Bengal, BJP also fielded economist Ashok Lahiri from the Balurghat constituency. Earlier, BJP had withdrawn his candidature from Alipurdwar after protests by local party workers against the nomination of Lahiri, was seen as an outsider.

Saha, an alumni of Sainik School of Purulia in West Bengal, belongs to the Assam Regiment. He had retired as Deputy Chief of the Army Staff. "He was responsible for perspective planning, force modernisation and capability development. He created the Army Design Bureau in 2016. Post retirement, he was the Founding Director General of the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers," said a senior BJP functionary. A recipient of the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Saha is hailed in BJP as an expert on national security.

Saha faces a tough fight against TMC's Debasish Kumar, considering that the Rashbehari constituency has been a stronghold of the ruling party for many years.

Other than accommodating a large number of turncoats from the ranks of the ruling TMC in its lists of candidates for West Bengal, the saffron outfit has fielded a number of candidates with professional backgrounds, who had in the past been associated with various think tanks of the party.

Pledging 'corrected' NRC, BJP's Assam manifesto mum on CAA

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE BJP, which released its Assam election manifesto on Tuesday, has promised a "corrected" National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the detection of "infiltrators".

"We will uphold rights of the Assamese through a corrected NRC and protect genuine Indian citizens and detect infiltrators. We will ensure the Ahom civilization stays safe," BJP national president JP Nadda said, releasing the manifesto.

The NRC of 1951 was updated in Assam in deference to the Assam Accord, which says illegal immigrants, who entered Assam after the midnight of March 24, 1971, are to be deported. The NRC was updated based on this cut-off date. Final draft of the NRC, published on August 31, 2019, saw over 19.06 lakh of the 3.30 crore applicants left out. The updated NRC made no political party or organisation happy, as many indigenous people failed to make the list.

BJP favours 20 per cent reverification of the documents of NRC applicants in the districts which share a border with Bangladesh and 10 per cent re-verification in rest of the districts.

BJP's manifesto makes no mention of the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA). The CAA seeks to protect non-Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh, besides Pakistan and Afghanistan, who entered India till December 31, 2014. After the Centre brought in this legislation, Assam erupted in protests which soon spilled over to other parts of the country.

BJP president JP Nadda (third from right) releases the party's Assam election manifesto in Guwahati on Tuesday | PTI

The manifesto is also silent on Clause 6 of the Assam Accord which the Rajiv Gandhi government signed in 1985 at the end of six-year-long and bloody Assam Agitation which was spearheaded by the All Assam Students' Union.

The Accord's Clause 6 says: "Constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards, as may be appropriate, shall be provided to protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people".

BJP has pledged to make Assam flood-free through dredging of rivers and building large reservoirs to divert floodwaters, strengthening Vaishnavite prayer centres "namghars and satras" and creating a task force to recover the lands of the satras and places of worship of tribals from encroachment.

Other promises include ensuring self-sufficiency in food, creating jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities, distributing land deeds to landless citizens in a phased manner, formulating laws to tackle and end the menace of "landjihad" and "love jihad", other than checking infiltration.

PEACE PROCESS

Hope India plays bigger role, says Afghan minister

NEW DELHI: Afghanistan Foreign Minister **Mohammed Haneef Atmar**, who is on a three-day visit to India, on Tuesday said his country seeks a greater role for India at all forums discussing the Afghan peace process.

"India has legitimate interests in the peace and security of Afghanistan and we are seeking a greater role for India. We are negotiating to make sure that Afghanistan does not become a safe haven for international terrorists who are keen to turn it not just in their battlefield but into a safe haven including, unfortunately against India as well. So, India has a role not just in Afghanistan but with other regional and international partners," he said.

Asked if India speaking to the Taliban as a part of the intra-Afghan peace process was discussed during his meeting with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Atmar said it was up to India to look into the issue. On India and Pakistan reiterating their commitment to enforce the 2003 ceasefire, the Afghan foreign minister said any political measure to reduce tensions is welcome. "Given that we are seeking peace ourselves, we consider it legitimate and necessary for both sides to talk," he said. Atmar added Jaishankar has confirmed his participation in the Heart of Asia event at Dushanbe this month.

Atmar also met NSA Ajit Doval. "Great discussion on our cooperation in political, security & economic spheres. We stressed the need for enhanced bilateral & regional coop on addressing common security challenges & achieving lasting peace in Afghanistan," he tweeted. *ENS*

Pakistan diplomat replays 'resolve all issues through dialogue' statement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PAKISTAN'S Charge d'affaires Aftab Hasan Khan on Tuesday said Islamabad wants friendly relations with all countries, including India, and that India and Pakistan should resolve issues through dialogue.

"To achieve peace between Pakistan and India, both countries shall resolve all outstanding issues including (Jammu and Kashmir) through dialogue," Khan said in a statement on the occasion of Pakistan Day. He added that peace within South Asia is 'inevitable' for the larger interest of the region.

The Pakistani diplomat said each generation had made its own contribution to realise the vision of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who with other Muslims, made a resolve to create Pakistan on March 23, 1940.

Khan's comments come days after Pakistan Army Chief General Qamar Bajwa urged India to bury the past and move forward while adding that the army was ready to hold a dialogue to resolve issues. The comments followed Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's remarks that the only hurdle between relations between the two countries was Kashmir. However, both sides have maintained that the onus was on the other to create a conducive atmosphere for talks.

Aftab Hasan Khan at the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi | PTI

Hurriyat Conference to support Indo-Pak peace initiatives

Srinagar: After reports that UAE facilitated back-channel talks between India and Pakistan on border ceasefire between the two countries, Hurriyat Conference on Tuesday said they were ready to support initiatives that aim at bringing peace and prosperity to subcontinent and seek a fair and peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute. "The agreement by India and Pakistan to adhere to ceasefire on the Line of Control and the subsequent statements and actions by the two countries thereafter indicate a positive shift in the relations between the two neighbours. This is being observed with anticipation by J&K people, who are deeply affected by the state of the relations between the two neighbours as they are for past seven decades striving for resolution to the Kashmir conflict," said a spokesman of moderate Hurriyat Conference led by cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, who is under house detention since scrapping of Article 370.

IN THE SC — *SUPREME COURT UPDATES*

Centre's response sought on pleas seeking compensation for wrongful prosecutions

The Supreme Court has sought the Centre's response on petitions seeking compensation for victims of wrongful prosecution. The petitions filed by Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay and Kapil Mishra cited the example of a rape accused, Vishnu Tiwari, who was recently acquitted by Allahabad High Court after spending 20 years in prison. The petitioners sought guidelines and mechanism to take action and prosecute fake complainants and a framework to pay adequate compensation to the victims of wrongful prosecution. A bench headed by Justice UU Lalit remarked that the current mechanism under criminal law is sufficient to deal with the issues raised, but agreed to hear the plea on the ground of granting compensation to victims of wrongful prosecution.

Petitions for OTT content regulation in high courts stayed by Justice Chandrachud's bench

The Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed all petitions seeking regulation of content on over-the-top (OTT) platforms, including Netflix and Amazon Prime pending in high courts across the country. The order by a bench led by Justice DY Chandrachud came on a transfer plea moved by the Centre to club all petitions filed in various high courts. The top court issued notices to all petitioners, who have filed pleas in Punjab and Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Allahabad high courts, on the plea by the ministries of information and broadcasting, electronics and technology and law and justice. The Centre also filed its affidavit and told the court that the Information Technology Rules, 2021 have been put in place to regulate OTT platforms and digital media.

CAA not to be implemented before July, LS told

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THE BJP's key poll plank of implementing the Citizenship Amendment Act is still far from being a reality. It will take at least another four months to become applicable.

The BJP has promised implementation of the controversial legislation during campaigning for the upcoming Assembly polls, but the committee on subordinate legislation is yet to notify the rules of application. The CAA was notified on December 12, 2019. Rules necessary for the implementation of any new or amended law are normally framed within six months of its enactment. The Committees on Subordinate Legislation, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, have granted time up to April 9 and July 9, respectively, to frame rules under the citizenship law, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai told Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Rai was responding to a question posed by Congress MP VK Sreekandan, who asked whether the process of granting citizenship to refugees would begin after Covid-19 vaccination is over. Rai said foreigners covered under CAA may submit applications for citizenship after appropriate rules are notified by the Central government.

Assembly elections in West Bengal, Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry will start from March 27. Among these places, CAA is the most contentious issue in Assam and Bengal as these states have a sizeable population of refugees and illegal immigrants from neighbouring countries.

According to the Act, non-Muslims such as members of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian communities who have come from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan till December 31, 2014, facing religious persecution will not be treated as immigrants but given citizenship.

₹2.2K crore to be released for MPLADS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AFTER receiving representation from several MPs, the Centre has decided to release ₹2,200 crore under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for installments pending prior to March 31, 2020.

The cabinet in its meeting last April had decided not to operate MPLADS for 2020-21 and 2021-22 and accordingly directed that annual budgetary outlay for 2020-21 and 2021-2022 be placed at the disposal of ministry of finance for managing the adverse economic and health impacts of Covid-19 pandemic. However, pursuant to implementation of the decision, the ministry started receiving references from MPs, state nodal departments and district authorities requesting for the release of installments.

"The Department of Expenditure has conveyed its decision to allot a sum of ₹2,200 crore to enable the release of pending installments subject primarily to certain conditions. Release of pending installments in respect of Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha for 2019-20 shall get first priority," said a circular issued by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation.

It says that nodal district authorities shall continue to carry out the ongoing exercise of settlement and closure of bank accounts of ex-members as no further releases for earlier years will be made.

CAVE-IN KILLS 4

Four labourers were killed on Tuesday after soil caved in while they were engaged in building a basement wall in Gujarat's Surat. Two people were rescued from the debris and have been hospitalised

0 COVID — CASES IN ARUNACHAL IN LAST 4 DAYS

INDIA	Max	Min	INDIA	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	23	Mumbai	35	24
Bhopal	34	19	Panaji	33	25
Jaipur	32	17	Patna	35	22
Amritsar	25	12	Lucknow	36	20
Chennai	33	24	Port Blair	33	26
Kolkata	37	25	Imphal	33	12
Srinagar	14	04	Chandigarh	34	15

81% of Punjab samples +ve for UK strain

CM urges Centre to expand vaccination drive to cover under-60 population, appeals people to follow safety norms

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A whopping 81 per cent of the latest 401 samples sent by Punjab for genome sequencing have been found to be positive for the new UK Covid-19 variant, prompting Chief Minister Amarinder Singh to appeal to the central government to expand the vaccination drive to cover the under-60 population and to "expedite the process". It is essential to vaccinate more and more people to break the chain of transmission, he said.

The state health department had sent 478 Covid-positive samples for genome sequencing to the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), National Institute of Biologicals (NIB) and the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB). The results of 90 samples were received and of these, two showed presence of the N440K variant.

Subsequently, a team from Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare visited the state to review the increase in positivity and was informed about the pending results of genome sequencing. Thereafter, 401 more samples, collected between January 1 and March 10, were sent to NCDC for genome sequencing.

The results of these samples were worrying as these showed presence of the UK variant B.1.1.7 variant in 326 samples, said Dr KK Talwar head of the state's Covid expert committee. The CM said he was informed by Talwar that though this UK variant is more infectious, it is not more virulent. Further, the Oxford (Covishield) vaccine is equally effective against this new UK variant.

Punjab Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu said the samples that tested positive for the UK variant were taken from a cross section of population, which indicates that this strain has spread in a big way, "which is a serious concern for us as transmission rate of this strain is quite high".

The chief minister has appealed to the people to get vaccinated and strictly adhere to all Covid safety protocols. The government would be forced to impose more curbs if the people do not follow the Covid appropriate behaviour, he warned.

A health worker carries out Covid-19 tests of education department staff in Mumbai. Maharashtra reported 28,699 new cases and 132 deaths on Tuesday | PTI

India's cases of mutant strains reach 795

The total number of cases with the UK, South Africa and Brazil variants of Covid-19 in the country has reached 795, the Union Health Ministry said on Tuesday as India is witnessing a surge in cases. From 400 cases reported on March 18, the infections by mutant strains have increased to 795 in the country. MoS for Health Ashwini Choubey had told the Rajya Sabha on March 16 that no case of reinfection by mutant variants has been reported from India so far. According to the WHO, in the three countries where the pandemic is being driven by the variant mutants have the potential to reinfect persons who have been previously infected with the virus.

Test-track-treat: Centre's new guidelines to states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMID the rise in Covid-19 cases in several states, the Union Home Ministry on Tuesday issued new guidelines for effective control of infections, directing all states and UTs to increase "test-track-treat".

In the guidelines for April, the MHA said keeping in view the renewed spike of Covid-19 cases, states should enhance the proportion of RT-PCR tests, strictly enforce test-track-treat protocol and speed up the pace of vaccination to cover all priority groups. The new positive cases need to be isolated or quarantined at the earliest and provide timely treatment, it said. The states and UTs should enforce the test-track-treat protocol in all parts of the country, ensure observance of Covid-19-appropriate behaviour by everyone and, scale up the vaccination drive to cover all the target groups, the guidelines stated.

All contacts have to be traced at the earliest, and similarly isolated and quarantined, it said. The MHA said based on the positive cases and tracking of their contacts, containment zones shall be carefully demarcated by the district authorities at the micro-level taking into consideration the guidelines prescribed by the Health Ministry. The states and UTs where the proportion of RT-PCR tests is less should rapidly increase it to reach the prescribed level of 70% or more of total tests.

The MHA also gave states and UTs the liberty to impose local curbs saying the authorities, based on their assessment of the situation, may impose local restrictions at district or sub-district and city or ward level, to contain the spread of Covid. It said the government has launched the world's largest vaccination drive and though the drive is proceeding smoothly, the pace is uneven across different states and UTs and, the slow pace of vaccination in some states and UTs is a "matter of concern".

Suspension of scheduled int'l flights extended

The suspension of scheduled international passenger flights has been extended till April 30, the DGCA said on Tuesday. "However, international scheduled flights may be allowed on selected routes by the competent authority on a case-to-case basis," it added. Scheduled international passenger services have been suspended since March 23, 2020

Ex-Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis addresses the media in Mumbai | PTI

BJP flags posting 'racket', NCP raises phone-tapping issue

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA minister and NCP leader Nawab Malik claimed on Tuesday that IPS officer Rashmi Shukla, who is currently on central deputation, was shunted out as Commissioner of Intelligence because she was tapping the phones of Maha Vikas Aghadi leaders at the BJP's behest.

Malik's claim followed leader of opposition Devendra Fadnavis's allegation of large-scale corruption in police transfers and postings.

At a press conference, the BJP leader and former CM claimed to have "6.3 GB data" of audio calls intercepted by Shukla with due permissions from the state government. The names of several key police officers, including IPS officers, and politicians were discussed during the calls. The report was submitted to CM Uddhav Thackeray in August 2020, but no action was taken, Fadnavis said, and demanded a CBI probe in to the entire affair. Responding to the allegation, Malik alleged that Shukla was acting as a BJP agent and prepared the call records illegally. The minister said Shukla did not seek permission for tapping the phones and hence, indulged in a criminal act and was also leaking information to the Opposition.

"As a punishment, the Maharashtra government shifted her from the intelligence department to a less important department — civil defence," Malik said.

Shukla is currently deputed as ADG of CRPF. She was not available for comment. Malik alleged that the latest allegation was another ploy by the BJP to topple the MVA government which would fail. The BJP could not poach MLAs and that's why it was using IPS and IAS officers as a pawn to destabilise the state government, he said.

Fadnavis later met the Union Home Secretary in Delhi and demanded CBI probe into a state intelligence department report on corruption in police transfers.

As per police records, Deshmukh was in home quarantine from Feb 15-27 but met officers and was not in isolation. I feel Pawar Sahab was not briefed properly—Devendra Fadnavis, BJP leader

TIES WITH MAOISTS

Stan Swamy conspired to overthrow govt: NIA court

MUMBAI: The special NIA court, which rejected 83-year-old Jesuit priest and activist Stan Swamy's bail plea in the Elgar Parishad-Maoists links case on Monday, has held that prima facie he had hatched a "serious conspiracy" with banned CPI (Maoist) to create unrest in the country and to overthrow the government.

In his order, which was made available on Tuesday, Additional Sessions judge DE Kothalikar held that Swamy was found in possession of objectionable material and there was sufficient evidence to connect him to the activities of the banned organisation. The material that the court referred to included around "140 emails between the applicant (Swamy) and his co-accused Shoma Sen and Rona Wilson," the fact that Swamy and others he communicated with, was referred to as "comrades", and that Swamy had received ₹8 lakh from one comrade, Mohan, for the furtherance of Maoist activities.

"The material placed on record thus prima facie denote that the applicant was not only a member of banned organisation CPI (Maoist) but he was carrying out activities further in the objective of the organisation which is nothing but to overthrow the democracy of the nation," the order read. Swamy was arrested from Ranchi in October 2020 and has since been lodged at the Taloja Central Jail in Navi Mumbai.

The bail plea was filed on merit as well as Swamy's medical grounds. *ENS*

Amid Oppn ruckus, Bihar House passes Special Armed Police Bill

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

AMID a walkout by the Opposition after unprecedented ruckus inside the Assembly, the Bihar House passed the Special Armed Police Bill, 2021, which allegedly gives special powers to the police to search and arrest anyone without obtaining a court warrant.

CM Nitish Kumar denied that the Bill had overarching powers. He said the Bill was meant to rename the Bihar Military Police and that no special powers have been given to the police. "The Opposition has not gone through the Bill," he said, adding it was brought to convert the Bihar Military Police into Special Armed Police without any draconian powers. The Opposition, however, termed the Bill as a black law as it repeatedly disrupted the House proceedings, forcing adjournments five times. The protest took an ugly turn when some MLAs tried to snatch the copy of the Bill from the Speaker and turned the reporters table upside down in the House.

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav being detained in Patna on Tuesday | PTI

After the House was adjourned for the fifth time, the Opposition lawmakers came out of the House and laid a siege to the Speaker's chamber. After much uproar, an additional police force was summoned inside the Assembly to forcibly remove the legislators from outside the chamber. Some MLAs alleged they were manhandled.

Earlier in the day, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav took out a protest march against the Bill. The Patna police allegedly resorted to lathi-charge when the protesters broke the police barricades and allegedly threw stones at the policemen. A ruling party MLA alleged the Speaker was held captive by the opposition MLAs in their attempt to prevent the bill from being passed in the House.

Pawar flayed for backing Deshmukh

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Tuesday alleged that NCP chief Sharad Pawar has lost his political credibility by coming out in defence of Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh in the alleged extortion case. Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said Pawar can redeem his political credibility only by ensuring that the minister resigns from the cabinet.

"Pawar needs to tell the reason for defending the Maharashtra home minister for all wrong reasons. First, it was said that the home minister was under quarantine, but he was seen addressing a press conference. Who is Pawar trying to fool?" asked Prasad.

He also hit out at the alliance government in Maharashtra, saying "it's very confusing to think of who is running the show in the state". "Is it the most confused government in the history of Maharashtra where politicians are in power but do not have authority? What is the direction of this *vasooli* (extortionist) Aghadi standing upon three pillars of the NCP, Shiv Sena and Congress?" he asked. *ENS*

Deshmukh meets CM Thackeray

Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh on Tuesday evening met CM Uddhav Thackeray at the latter's official residence. Deshmukh is facing heat after ex-Mumbai Police commissioner Param Bir Singh accused him of setting police officers a target of collecting `100 crore per month from pubs and bars.

Hiren case: ATS to seek Waze's custody

The Maharashtra ATS on Tuesday said suspended police officer Sachin Waze was a "prime accused" in the Mansukh Hiren murder case and it will approach the special NIA court in Mumbai to get his custody. More arrests were likely in the case, said ATS chief Jaijeet Singh.

SC to hear Param Bir's plea today

The Supreme Court will hear on Wednesday the plea filed by ex-Mumbai Police chief Param Bir Singh seeking CBI probe into the alleged corruption by Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh. Singh has also challenged the order transferring him from the post of Mumbai top cop.

'50% kids faced stress during Covid'

NEW DELHI: A joint study by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences and the Child Rights and You have shown that nearly 50 per cent of children surveyed experienced stress of trauma during the Covid-19 pandemic and a lower family income was associated with greater stress.

For the study "Understanding Children's Experiences During the Covid-19 Pandemic: Stressors, Resilience, Support and Adaptation", over 800 children aged 9 to 17 years were surveyed across 13 cities and towns. While over half the children (60%) reported feeling happy, and most of them reported having a good quality of eating (78.9%) and sleeping (74.9%), almost half the children (48.7%) reported that their daily routine had "changed a lot".

A considerable percentage reported feeling worried (41.9%) or bored (45.2%) and a few also said they would just like for normal life to resume. Further, a lower monthly family income per head was associated with higher stress or trauma response. Largely, children whose parents lacked job security (were unemployed or worked as labourers) and had little or no education fell in this group.

Financial problems in the household were the most frequently cited stressor (26%), followed by uncertainty about when Covid-19 will end (24%), and worry about contracting the virus (23.5%). While there were no gender or age differences in the experience of stress, a lower family income was associated with greater stress. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

Five Chhattisgarh cops killed in Maoist attack

Raipur: A Five police personnel were killed and 13 others injured as Maoists blew up the bus in which they were travelling in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district on Tuesday, senior police officials said. The landmine explosion took place between Kanhargaon and Kadenar villages under Dhaudai police station limits. Personnel of the police's District Reserve Guard were returning in the bus to Naryanpur town, 300 km from Raipur, after a counter-insurgency operation, said IGP (Bastar range) Sundarraj P.

MP: 12 women killed in auto-bus collision

Bhopal: Twelve women and a man were killed after the auto-rickshaw in which they were travelling collided with a bus in Old Chawni area of Gwalior in on Tuesday. The accident took place around 5 am when the bus driver apparently tried to avoid hitting a person on the road. The women, who worked as cooks at an anganwadi kendra (governemnt-run child care center) in Stone Park area in Old Chawni Ganga Malanpur locality, were returning home after work, Gwalior SP Amit Sanghi said.

Separate hospital wing for transgenders: HC

In a relief to transgender persons, the Gauhati High Court has ordered the state government to create a separate wing for the community at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital. Also the court has asked the central government to furnish the list of transgender beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat schemes in Assam. The court passed the order based on a PIL filed by transgender rights activist Swati Bidhan Baruah, who had claimed the transgender community was excluded from the central government scheme. "This is a historic order," said Swati, the northeast's first transgender judge.

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GUWAHATI DIARY

Buyers from India, Bangladesh, Bhutan & Nepal meet

The first ever North East Buyer-Sellers' meet in a physical-cum-virtual mode was organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) with support from the Ministry of External Affairs in Guwahati recently. Traders from India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal participated in the event. Speaking on the occasion, ICC co-chairman (Northeast), Prabhat Kumar Bezboruah said this kind of event is the most ideal to connect the business persons from different countries.". This is the first initiative taken by the MEA after the pandemic outbreak but the foreign trade of northeastern states with neighbouring countries is centuries-old. Geo-political interest had overshadowed the trade matters but now we should go back to ancient times and facilitate this new trend," an official statement said.

1971 war veterans' outreach event organised

Ahead of the scheduled commemoration of 1971 war victory over Pakistan, a veterans' outreach programme was held at Narangi Military Station in Guwahati. The event was attended by 70 veterans, families of specially abled veterans and civilian dignitaries. Major General Vikas Saini, GOC of 51 Sub Area, lauded the contributions of the veterans during the war of 1971. During the event, the GOC felicitated two specially abled veterans and presented them with a wheel chair and modified auto scooter each.

District admins tell people to wear mask

District authorities in Assam have issued a fresh order advising people to wear mask and maintain Covid-19 protocols. The order comes as the pandemic situation has worsened in some states. Health officials said the situation in the state was under check but people were taking the disease lightly. Earlier this week 15 people had tested positive in Kamrup, of which Guwahati is the district headquarters. All the cases were linked to one person. Meanwhile, there is a public perception that Assam could be placed under lockdown again once the elections are over.

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Divisional Office, Mukrumpadi, Puttur - 574202.

No.KST/PTR/Traffic/Commercial/4477/2020-21 Date: 23-03-2021

CONCILIATION NOTIFICATION NO: 04/2020-21

Applications invited through negotiation for selecting licensees for the Vacant Stalls in Puttur Division limit of KSRTC. Application will be issued **from 24-03-2021 to 16-04-2021** and negotiation will be held on **20-04-2021, 11.00 Hrs. at Divisional Office, KSRTC, Puttur Division Mukrumpadi, Puttur.** Details can be had from **Divisional Office, KSRTC, Puttur Division, Mukrumpadi, Puttur - 574202. Contact No: 7760990982 / 7259953323.**

Sd/- Divisional Controller
KSRTC, Puttur Division, Puttur.

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The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank**, under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **21.12.2020** calling upon the borrower **M/s Cosmozone Clothing Private Limited,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.4,45,78,852.36 (Rupees Four Crore Forty Five Lakhs Sventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two and Thirty Six Paisa only)** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **22.03.2021**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.4,57,51,919.36 (Rupees Four Crores Fifty Seven Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen and Thirty Six Paisa only)** and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that part and parcel of industrially converted land measuring 4 Acres 10Guntas in Sy No. 49 of Baruganahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Korategere Taluk, Bengaluru with the following boundaries : North by : Government Halla, South by : Property of Sri Veera Kyataiah, East by : Road (Bandi Road), West by : Road (Vaddagere State High way 160) & Property of Venkatappa.

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Description of the Immovable Property

All the piece and parcel of the converted land for residential purpose measuring 25 Guntas (i.e. 27,225 Sq. ft) lying in katha No. 170, SAS. Vol 1, Sy. No. 30 of Chinnappanahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palika Situated within the following four boundaries viz.,: North by: Remaining land in same survey number, South by : Land in Sy. No. 31, East by: Remaining land in same survey number, West by: Marathalli Village boundary.

In that, Residential apartment No.201, situated on the 2nd floor of the building known as 'VANSHEE CITADEL' constructed on the above said property , having built up area of 1203.92 sq.ft along with 653.28 sq.ft of UDS, together with car parking slot in basement.

Place : Bangalore **Sd/-**
Date :20.03.2021 **Authorised Officer**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

ARM Branch Trichy
1st Floor, Muthiah Towers,
Williams Road, Trichy-01,
Ph : 0431-2416067
e-mail : cb6818@canarabank.com

Possession Notice

(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **CANARA BANK** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 16/12/2020 calling upon the borrower **M/s Saptagiri Motors** (OPC) Pvt Ltd represented by its Director / Guarantors / Mortgagor to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being of **Rs.6,84,06,694.11**(Rupees Six crores eighty four lakhs six thousand six hundred ninty four and paise eleven only) **as on 30.11.2020** together with interest, within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the Demand notice. Since, the said Demand Notice was returned unserved to the borrower, the bank published the Demand notice in " The New Indian Express"(English Edition) and "Hindu Tamil"(Tamil Edition) on 02.01.2021

The borrower / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **20th day of March of the year 2021.**

The borrower, Guarantors/ Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CANARA BANK, Thillainagar Branch (now transferred to ARM branch, Trichy), for an amount of Rs. **6,84,06,694.11** (Liability as on 30.11.2020) alongwith further interest thereon from 01.12.2020, costs and other charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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(This property was given as collateral security in addition to the 8 flats, situated at Woraiyur, Trichy.)

Place : Bangalore **Sd/-**
Date : 20.03.2021 **Authorised Officer**

MOTHER DAIRY

(A Unit of: Karnataka Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd)
G.K.V.K. POST, YELAHANKA, BANGALORE-560065
e-mail: purchase@motherdairykmf.in
Tele. No. 080-22179006, Fax: 080-28462652

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Mother Dairy, a unit of KMF Bangalore is inviting E-Tenders for Supply of following items to NICP., Bellary.

A. IFT.NO.MD/PUR/ E-Proc T-182/2020-21 Date:10-03-2021
I. Supply on ARC Basis: 1) Nandini/Amul 1ltr Tubs-6 Lakh Nos **2)** Nandini 500ml Tubs-2.5 Lakh Nos **3)** Amul 500ml Tubs-4 Lakh Nos **4)** Nandini/Amul Spoons-10 M.T **5)** Nandini 125ml Sundae Containers-1.5 Lakh Nos

B. IFT.NO.MD/PUR/ E-Proc T-183/2020-21 Date:10-03-2021
I. Supply on Annual Basis: 1) Amul 500ml tub E-Flute Boxes-1.5 Lakh Nos **2)** Amul 1ltr Tub E-Flute Boxes- 2 Lakhs Nos **3)** Chikki Buttons Kaju-18 M.T **4)** Cashew Nuts(SWP Grade)-10M.T **5)** Choco Chips-12 M.T **6)** Dark Chacomaas-16M.T **7)** Milk Chacomaas-16 M.T **8)** Cocoa Powder-7M.T

The manufacturers, dealers or interested eligible tenderers are requested to participate on-line only. For further details, Tender documents can be downloaded from the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from **19-03-2021** and submitted on or before **29-03-2021 & 30-03-2021** respectively upto17.00 hrs.

Sd/- Director, Mother Dairy

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
NORTH EASTERN RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KEONJHAR

Tel.06766-258301(0), mail ID: se_nerwkjr@rediffmail.com
Identification No. PMGSY Online NCB No.297

0-1279 No. _____1289_____// Date: ___19.03.2021_____//

1. Name of the work :- Construction of Road & CD works under PMGSY (Balance Work) Programme .
2. Total No. of Packages :- 03 Nos. individual packages
3. Estimated Cost of individual packages :- Varies from Rs.93.01 lakh to Rs.447.10 lakh.
4. Period of completion :- 12 calendar months for works above Rs.5.00 Cr. & 11 calendar months for works below Rs.5.00 Cr. upto Rs.3.00 Cr. and 9 calendar months for works below Rs.3.00 Cr. as specified in DTCN.
5. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	No. of Packages	Availability of tender On-line for bidding	
			From	To
1	2	3	4	5
Superintending Engineer, North Eastern Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	PMGSY Online NCB No. 297	03 Nos.	26/03/2021 at 11.00 A.M.	09/04/2021 upto 5.00 P.M.

• Further details can be seen from the website: www.pmgsytenders.gov.in

Sd/- P.K. Misra, Superintending Engineer,
N.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar. DIPR- 25048/11/0025/2021

SBI
STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: **Sri.Ramesha.K.R**
E-mail ID: **sbi.17753@sbi.co.in**
Mobile No: 9901187606
Landline No.(Office): 080-28411010 / 28411020

Authorised Officer's address:
RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE
(RACPC -4) WHITE FIELD (17753)
NO.117,Ground Floor , Road No.3, Neil Rao Towers,
EPIP phase I, White Field Road, Bengaluru - 560 066.
Tel No. 080-28411010/1020, E-Mail: sbi.17753@sbi.co.in

APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

1. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Mortgager that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "**As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis** on **22.04.2021** for recovery of **Rs. 72,37,865.00** (Rupees Seventy Two Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five Only) as on 22.03.2021 plus future interest from 23.03.2021 at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc., due to the Bank, the Secured Creditor from **Sri. Gaurav Sridhar** S/o Sri. Sridhar Venkataraman.

The Reserve Price will be **Rs.30,17,000.00** (Rupees Thirty Lakh Seventeen Thousand Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **Rs.3,01,700.00** (Rupees Three Lakh One Thousand Seven Hundred Only). **Last Date within which EMD to be remitted is 20.04.2021.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: **SBI/RACPC/Whitefield/21/2020-21**
Name of the title deed holder: Sri. Gaurav Sridhar S/o Sri. Sridhar Venkataraman,
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY NO. 1: ITEM No.1: All that part and parcel of the residentially converted land measuring an extent of 31 Guntas comprised in survey No.164/3 of S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (duly converted vide official Memorandum dated: 16.12.2008 bearing No. ALN/(AS)SR/54/2008-09, issued by the District Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded on the East by: Land bearing Sy.No.164/2, West by: Land bearing Sy.No.72, North by: Land bearing Sy.No.164/1, South by: Land bearing Sy.No.165.
ITEM NO. 2: All that part and parcel of the residentially converted land measuring an extent of 25 Guntas comprised in survey No.165/1 of S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (duly converted vide official Memorandum dated: 22.07.2010 bearing No. ALN/(ASH)SR/22/2010-11, issued by the District Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded on the East by:Land bearing Sy.No.172, West by: Land bearing Sy.No.72, North by: Land bearing Sy.No.164, South by: Land bearing Sy.No.165/2,
SCHEDULE "B" PROPOERTY: 0.64% undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule A property, measuring about 393.8 sq.ft. in an undivided state has been sold to the Purchaser by the Owners/ developer under this sale deed.
SCHEDULE "C" PROPOERTY: Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 307, E Khatha No.150200102701020900, situated in Second Floor of the Building, measuring about 1208 sq.ft. of super built up area consisting of two bed room with RCC roofing, tiled flooring, molded doors and aluminum windows including proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, staircase, lifts and other areas of common use contained in the residential apartment complex known as "PUSHPAM E TOWN" constructed on the schedule A property with one covered car parking space exclusively earmarked for the sole use and enjoyment of the purchaser, build according to the plan approved by Anekal Planning Authority vide its order No.CC/526/2013-14 dated 30.10.2013 on single site plan approved by Anekal Planning Authority vide its order No.LAO/34/2012-13 bounded on West by Apartment No.306, East by common corridor, North by OTS and South by Lift.

2. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Mortgager that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "**As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis** on **22.04.2021** for recovery of **Rs. 49,50,037.00** (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Fifty Thousand Thirty Seven Only) as on 22.03.2021 plus future interest from 23.03.2021 at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc., due to the Bank, the Secured Creditor from **Sri. Gaurav Sridhar** S/o Sri. Sridhar Venkataraman.

The Reserve Price will be **Rs.41,81,000.00** (Rupees Forty One Lakh Eighty One Thousand Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **Rs.4,18,100.00** (Rupees Four Lakh Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Only). **Last Date within which EMD to be remitted is 20.04.2021.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: **SBI/RACPC/Whitefield/20/2020-21**
Name of the title deed holder: Sri. Gaurav Sridhar S/o Sri. Sridhar Venkataraman,
Schedule A of the property : SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY NO. 2
ITEM No.1: All that part and parcel of the residentially converted land measuring an extent of 31 Guntas comprised in survey No.164/3 of S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (duly converted vide official Memorandum dated: 16.12.2008 bearing No. ALN/(AS)SR/54/2008-09, issued by the District Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded on the East by: Land bearing Sy.No.164/2, West by: Land bearing Sy.No.72, North by: Land bearing Sy.No.164/1, South by:Land bearing Sy.No.165.
ITEM NO. 2: All that part and parcel of the residentially converted land measuring an extent of 25 Guntas comprised in survey No.165/1 of S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (duly converted vide official Memorandum dated: 22.07.2010 bearing No. ALN/(ASH)SR/22/2010-11, issued by the District Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded on the East by: Land bearing Sy.No.172, West by: Land bearing Sy.No.72, North by: Land bearing Sy.No.164, South by: Land bearing Sy.No.165/2.
SCHEDULE "B" PROPOERTY: 0.89% undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule A property, measuring about 545.7 sq. ft. in an undivided state has been sold to the Purchaser by the Owners/ developer under this sale deed.
SCHEDULE "C" PROPOERTY: Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 201, E Khatha No.150200102701021114, situated in First Floor of the Building, measuring about 1674 sq. ft., of super built up area consisting of three bed room with RCC roofing, tiled flooring, molded doors and aluminum windows including proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, staircase, lifts and other areas of common use contained in the residential apartment complex known as "PUSHPAM E TOWN" constructed on the schedule A property with one covered car parking space exclusively earmarked for the sole use and enjoyment of the purchaser, build according to the plan approved by Anekal Planning Authority vide its order No.CC/526/2013-14 dated 30.10.2013 on single site plan approved by Anekal Planning Authority vide its order No.LAO/34/2012-13 bounded on East by Apartment No.202, West by OTS Road, North by OTS Road and South by Common Corridor.

The sale shall be subject to provision of the Securitisation and Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2020. For further details regarding inspection of property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, **State Bank of India, Retail Assets Central Processing Centre (RACPC-4) White Field (17753), Bengaluru** during office hours, **Phone No.: 080-28411010/1020** or Bank approved Resolution Agent, **Sri Devi Resolution Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore Representative: Jagadeesh N 9902401486.**
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://bankeauctions.com, www.tenders.gov.in and Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.sbi.co.in.

Place: Bengaluru, **Sd/-**
Date: 22.03.2021 **Authorized Officer**

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪ)ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಸಯ್ಯಾಜಿರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ,
ಮೈಸೂರು-570024, ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: eewmccmys@gmail.com

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಹೆಚ್1/ಪ.ವಿ/151/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.03.2021

ಕೊಟೇಶನ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರಣ್ಯಪುರಂ ಘನತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ವಿಲೇವಾರಿ ಘಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರತಿನಿತ್ಯ 200 ಟಿಪಿಡಿ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯವನ್ನು ಸಂಸ್ಕರಿಸಲು ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಿರುವ Trommel ಯಂತ್ರೋಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಎಸ್.ಆರ್. ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿ ದರಗಳು ಲಭ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲದೇ ಇರುವ ಕಾರಣ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ದರಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದೆ.

SL. NO.	EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	SIZES (LENGTH x WIDTH)	QTY	Unit Price in Rs.
1	Trommel 100 mm	7 mtr x Dia 2 mtr	0.2 No.	
2	Trommel 35 mm	6 mtr x Dia 1.8 mtr	0.1 No.	
3	Trommel 16 mm	6 mtr x Dia 1.8 mtr	0.1 No.	
4	Trommel 4 mm	5.5 mtr x Dia 1.4 mtr	0.1 No.	

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು: (1) ಕೊಟೇಶನ್ ಅನ್ನು **E-Procurement Portal** ಮುಖಾಂತರ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29.03.2021**ರೊಳಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. (2) ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಯಂತ್ರೋಪಕರಣಗಳು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಅವಶ್ಯಕ ಇರುವ ಬಿಡಿಭಾಗಗಳನ್ನು ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ದರ ನಮೂದಿಸುವುದು. (3) ಮೂರು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ವೆಚ್ಚವನ್ನು **E-Procurement Portal** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. (4) ತಾವು ನಮೂದಿಸುವ ದರದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ರೀತಿಯ ತೆರಿಗೆ ಒಳಗೊಂಡಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. (5) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಶಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಮೈಸೂರು/ತಿರಡಿ ಸಾಯ/1180/2020-21 ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪ)
ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

Office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Special Division, Shivamogga

Phone No.: 08182 – 222942, e-mail spdivision@gmail.com

Short-Term Tender Notification (Two Cover System)

I.F.T. No.:63/2020-21 **Date: 20.03.2021**

The Executive Engineer, Public Works,Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-4 (two cover system) Contractors has registerd in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply for the work approved under 5054-04-337-0-01-422-MDR-SCP & 5054-04-337-0-01-422-MDR-TSP in Shivamogga Taluk. Amount put to Tender is max. Rs. 178.44 lakhs & min. Rs. 88.06 lakhs and EMD is max. Rs. 2.68 lakhs & min. Rs. 2.00 lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is 04 & 05 months including Monsoon. The tenderers may submit tenders through E-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz.,http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section-2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from 20.03.2021 to 06.04.021 Last date for Receipt of Tender is on 06.04.2021 The Technical bid will be opned on 07.04.2021 and Financial bid will be opened after 08.04.2021 More information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Special Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.148/03/mca/2020-21

KALABURAGI MAHANAGARA PALIKE, KALABURAGI

Ph.: 08472 / 278675, Fax : 08472 / 260776, E-mail : itstaff_ulb_gulbarga@yahoo.com

No: KMP/TS-01/MGNVY/03/2020-21 DATE: 22-03-2021

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work :Under the Scheme of MAHATAMA GANDHI NAGAR VIKAS YOJANE (03) PACKAGE. 2) Head of Account : MAHATAMA GANDHI NAGAR VIKAS YOJANE, 3) Tender Amount :Highest Amount Rs. 7,58,00,000.00 & Lowest Amount Rs. 6,10,00,000.00 4) Eligibility of Contractor : Class I & Above, 5) Pre Bid Meeting Date and Time :19.04.2021, 11:00am, 6) Last Date for Bid Submission : 26.04.2021 Upto 4:00pm, 7) Tender opening Date : 27.04.2021 Upto 5:00pm, 8) Tender Financial Bid opening Date: 30.04.2021 Upto 11.30am, 9) Contact Address & Mobile No: Executive Engineer, Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi. 9448140095, 10) Web Site address www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

DIP/Kalaburagi/1147/MC&A/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi.**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Management Branch, Bengaluru

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[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets Charged/Mortgaged/ Hypothecated to the Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor in particular that the below described immovable assets hypothecated/mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **30.04.2021**for recovery of **Rs. 36,60,67,939/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Crores Sixty Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousands Nine Hundred and Thirty NineOnly) as on **18.03.2021** and further interest at contractual rate from **19.03.2021** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India from the **Borrower, M/s Supreme Overseas Exports India Pvt. Ltd.,** 11/1, 24th A Cross, K.R.Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070. AND the **Guarantors: 1) M/s Sura Leathers Pvt. Ltd.,** 11/1, 24th A Cross, K.R.Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070. **2) Sri. S.R.Ramaprasad** S/o R.Ramachandra Rao, #1930, 30th Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070 and **3) Sri. M.S.Sriharsha** S/o M.S. Sudhindra, #30/31, III Cross, 7th Block, K.R.Road, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560082.

The immovable assets will be sold on terms and conditions specified as under:

DESCRIPTION OF ASSETS

Tender No: SBI/SAMB/EA/CLO-2/2021-22/132

Property No. 1: (Immovable) All that piece and parcel of land and building thereon bearing Municipal no. 44/1, Ward No. 58, K R Road, 7th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore along with all airways, waterways, electricity & sewerage connections and easement rights and standing in the name of Supreme Overseas (now Supreme Overseas Exports India Pvt. Ltd.). The land is more fully described in sale deeds as under:

(i) All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Old Sy. Nos. 39/2B, 39/2C-1, 39/2C-2, situated of Yediyur Village, Bengaluru, measuring East to West Northern side 49.0 feet, East to West Southern side 53.0 feet, South to North Eastern side 28.0 feet and South to North Western side 25.0 feet; in all 1359.00 sq.ft (126.00 Sq.Mtrs) together with 2 SqrIndustrial Shed, standing in the name of Supreme Overseas (now Supreme Overseas Exports India Pvt. Ltd.) and bounded as East by: Remaining property bearing No.39/2B, 2C & 2C2, West by: K R Road, North by: Remaining property No. 39/2B, 2C & 2C2, South by: Remaining property N0.39/2B, 2C & 2C2

(Vide Sale Deed No. 405/90-91 dated 26.04.1990 registered at Sub Registrar Office Jayanagar, Bangalore)

(ii) All that piece and parcel of land measuring 100' (One Hundred feet) East to West and 110' (One Hundred Ten feet), North to South situated in the North-Western corner of the property comprised in the plot of 1 Acre and a half bearing old Sy.Nos. 39/2B, 39/2C-1, 39/2-C2 of Yediyur Village, Bengaluru South Taluk, purchased by the M/s International Chemical & Biological Institute Pvt. Ltd (hereinafter called the the Vendor) and bearing the present BDA No. NIL and Bangalore Corporation No. 44, 59th Sub-Division together with all easementary and proprietary rights attached thereto, standing in the name of Supreme Overseas (now Supreme Overseas Exports India Pvt. Ltd.) and is bounded as East by: By the property of the vendor remaining out of the whole property as mentioned above, West by: The B.D.A. (Corporation) High Road. (New K.R. Road), North by: By the Road running from Kanakapura/ to Karisandra/ Road Village and is popularly called as Kanakapura/ Road and / Cross, South by:By the remaining property of theVendor out of the whole propertyand retained by the Vendor.

(Vide Sale Deed No. 53/88-89 dated 07.04.1998 registered at Sub Registrar Office Jayanagar, Bangalore)

Date & Time of E-auction	**Date: 30.04.2021** Time: **60 Minutes From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon with unlimited extension of ten minutes for each bid, if bidding continues, till the sale is concluded.**
Reserve Price	**Rs. 27,81,00,000/-**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 2,78,10,000/-**
Bid Increment Amount	**Rs. 10,00,000/-**
Date and Time for submission of bid/ KYC documents/Proof of EMD etc.	**27.04.2021 upto 4:00 PM.**

Property No. 2: (Immovable)
Tender No: SBI/SAMB/EA/CLO-2/2021-22/133
All that piece and parcel of the residential converted land bearing old no. 27/2, New Sy. No. 27/3, converted vide order no. RAGK/ALN(RA)/CR/67/2014-15 dated 03.11.2014 by Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara, having extent of 1-10 (One Acre and Ten Guntas), situated at Bidadi Village, BidadiHobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, standing in the name of M S Sriharsha and bounded as under: East by: Land belongs to Siddappa, West by:Land belongs to M S Sriharsha, North by: Land belongs to Sy No. 27/1, South by: Baredoddi Village Boundary
(Vide Sale Deed No. 5005/13-14 dated 16.08.2013 registered at Sub Registrar Office Ramanagara)

Date & Time of E-auction	**Date: 30.04.2021** Time: **60 Minutes From 12.00 Noon to 01.00 PM with unlimited extension of ten minutes for each bid, if bidding continues, till the sale is concluded.**
Reserve Price	**Rs. 2,94,00,000/-**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 29,40,000/-**
Bid Increment Amount	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**
Date and Time for submission of bid/ KYC documents/Proof of EMD etc.	**27.04.2021 upto 4:00 PM.**

Property No.3 (Immovable)
Tender No: SBI/SAMB/EA/CLO-2/2021-22/134
All that piece and parcel of the residential converted land bearing old no. 27/2, New Sy. No. 27/4, converted vide order no. RAGK/ALN(RA)/CR/68/2014-15 dated 03.11.2014 by Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara, having extent of 1-10 (One Acre and Ten Guntas), situated at Bidadi Village, BidadiHobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, standing in the name of M S Sriharsha and bounded as under: East by: Land belongs to Late Nagaiah's property, West by: Land belongs to Late Chikkanagaiah and B.G. Honnashetty's property, North by: Land belongs to Sy No. 27/1, South by: Baredoddi Village.
(Vide Sale Deed No. 13232/12-13 dated 16.03.2013 registered at Sub Registrar Office Ramanagara)

Date & Time of E-auction	**Date: 30.04.2021** Time: **60 Minutes From 01.00 PM to 02.00 PM with unlimited extension of ten minutes for each bid, if bidding continues, till the sale is concluded.**
Reserve Price	**Rs. 2,94,00,000/-**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 29,40,000/-**
Bid Increment Amount	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**
Date and Time for submission of bid/ KYC documents/Proof of EMD etc.	**27.04.2021 upto 4:00 PM.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SAMB, Bengaluru i.e., (1) www.sbi.co.in (2) www.mstcecommerce.com and (3) www.ibapi.in.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/-**
(M Ramakrishna Shenoy)
Authorised Officer

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Remains of several lions were seized from traffickers responsible for poisoning 6 big cats in Uganda

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	3	-6	SNY	Los Angeles	13	3	SNY
Colombo	31	22	TDS	Melbourne	22	14	LC
Dhaka	25	13	SNY	Moscow	-18	-19	LC
Dubai	24	16	SNY	New York	5	0	LC
Houston	23	13	LC	Singapore	30	24	LC
Istanbul	2	-4	LC	Toronto	1	-2	LC
London	5	0	SNY	Washington	6	2	LC

PEACE DEAL

Ghani against interim Af govt, wants snap poll

Afghan prez rules out possibility of stepping aside; to unveil plan in Turkey next month

KABUL

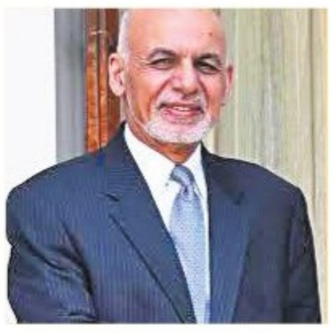
A day after NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said "all options remain open" on Afghanistan, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani signalled his refusal to accept the US plan for his elected government to be replaced by an interim administration. Sources said that Ghani will propose a new presidential election within six months, under a peace plan mulled as a counter-offer to the US proposal.

Ghani will unveil his proposal at an international gathering in Turkey next month. Washington, which agreed last year to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan by May 1 after nearly two decades, is pressing for a peace deal to end the war between the government and the Taliban. Talks between the Afghan sides in Qatar have stalled. US Special Envoy Zalmay Khalilzad has been circulating a proposal that would replace the Kabul government with an interim administration. But Ghani has voiced vehement opposition to any solution that requires his government to step aside for unelected successors.

"The counterproposal which we are going to present at the Istanbul meeting would be to call for early presidential elections if the Taliban agree on a ceasefire," one senior government official. Another Afghan government official said: "The president would never agree to step aside and any future government should be formed through democratic process, not a political deal." A third senior official said Ghani's proposal would include possible early elections, although he did not specify the exact time frame for the vote. The third official said Ghani had already shared his road map with Khalilzad.

With just weeks left before a deadline it agreed with the Taliban last year to end the longest war in U.S. history, Washington is seeking regional backing for its approach to push the Kabul government and insurgents to share power. But diplomats and foreign officials have said it will be difficult to move forward with the US plans without Ghani's support.

During a visit to the region, which included stops in Doha and Islamabad, Khalilzad pushed for a conference to be hosted by Turkey with involvement from the United Nations next month. The Taliban — fighting the foreign-backed government since being ousted in late 2001 have so far rejected a ceasefire and said they would not directly join an interim government. Ghani was sworn in as president for a second five-year term in March last year after a disputed election.



Ashraf Ghani

The new US administration is reviewing its plans before May 1, the deadline agreed last year under the Trump administration for the last 2,500 US troops to leave Afghanistan. Biden told broadcaster ABC last week that it would be "tough" to meet the deadline. The Taliban say there will be consequences if the US does not meet the deadline.

Will quell protests, says junta amid global outrage

YANGON

MYANMAR's junta on Tuesday defended its seven-week crackdown that has left more than 260 democracy protesters dead, insisting it would not tolerate "anarchy".

The junta has unleashed deadly violence as it struggles to quell nationwide protests against the February 1 ousting of civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi. In a news conference in the capital Naypyidaw, junta spokesman Brigadier General Zaw Min Tun put the death toll lower at 164. "I am sad because these violent terrorist people who died are our nationals," he said. The streets of towns and cities across the country have seen chaotic scenes for weeks as security forces clash with protesters demanding the restoration of democracy and the release of Suu Kyi.

The authorities have used tear gas, rubber bullets and live rounds to disperse protests, prompting a senior UN rights expert to warn they may be committing "crimes against humanity".

Protesters making a statement against the reprisal by the military by holding a 'placard only' candle-light demonstration in Yangon's Thaketa township | AFP

But despite widespread international condemnation, Zaw Min Tun defended the response, saying that the security forces were dealing with "insurgents holding weapons" and five police and four soldiers had been killed.

"We have to crack down on the anarchy. Which countries in the world accept anarchy?" he said. Despite the bloodshed, protesters took to the streets again on Tuesday, staging dawn demonstrations in parts of the commercial capital Yangon. As well as breaking up protests, the military has sought to stem the flow of news about the crackdown, banning several local media outlets and arresting dozens of journalists. Mobile data networks are suspended and Zaw Min Tun said there were presently no plans to restore them.

Suu Kyi, not seen in public since being detained on February 1, is facing several criminal charges as well as allegations of accepting illegal payments of gold and cash.

Sean Turnell, an Australian adviser to the 75-year-old Nobel laureate, is being investigated under immigration and state secrets laws, the junta spokesman announced Tuesday. Turnell, an economist and university professor, was the first foreign national arrested following the coup.

International pressure is building on the regime, with the European Union on Monday imposing sanctions on junta chief General Min Aung Hlaing and 10 other senior officials. The bloc said that as commander-in-chief, Min Aung Hlaing was "directly responsible" for "serious human rights violations" carried out during the crackdown.

And Washington, which has already blacklisted the top junta leaders, sanctioned Myanmar's police chief and an army special operations commander, saying they were responsible for using lethal force against demonstrators.

Army commander Aung Soe was responsible for sending in troops to confront protesters using battlefield weapons, "demonstrating that lethal force is being used in a planned, premeditated and coordinated manner", the Treasury said. But sanctions and the chorus of global condemnation have so far had little impact on the generals.

Facebook bid to stall snooping suit binned

SAN FRANCISCO

THE US Supreme Court on Monday declined to consider an appeal by Facebook that would have derailed a $15 billion lawsuit over whether it illegally tracked users about a decade ago. The nation's top court issued an order denying a request by the leading social network to review a California federal court's decision to allow the litigation accusing Facebook of violating wiretap laws. Facebook did not respond to a request for comment.

It had argued that it was a legitimate "party" for exchanges involving digital content received from software tools such as "like" or "share" buttons plugged into other sites.

"Rather than eavesdropping on a separate communication, the communication with Facebook contained distinct content intended for Facebook," it said.

US wiretap law makes it illegal to snoop on electronic communications unless one is a party to the exchange. The suit accuses Facebook of wrongly tracking users away from the social network, then making money from the data by selling it to marketers for targeting ads. The class action lawsuit consolidated more than 20 related cases filed in an array of US states in 2011 and early 2012 and seeks more than $15 billion on behalf of members of the world's largest social network. Facebook has since changed the way it uses software snippets such as like and share buttons that gather information about users' internet activities.

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Indo-Pak talks on cards at Dushanbe meet?

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi will travel to Tajikistan later this month to participate in the 'Heart of Asia' meeting, which is expected to be attended by his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar, sparking speculation of a possible meeting between the two amidst peace overtures from the Pakistani Army, according to a media report here. However, there was no official confirmation from New Delhi on whether Jaishankar will travel to Tajikistan. The Ninth Ministerial Conference of the Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process is scheduled to take place on the 30th of March 2021 in Dushanbe. Dawn newspaper reported that the participation of Jaishankar and Qureshi in the March 30 event, in the backdrop of the recent developments, has led to speculation that they could meet and hold talks

CHINA

Suicide attack in China linked to forced acquisition of land

Four people died when a man detonated a homemade bomb in a village government office in southern China, authorities said, in a rare act of violent social protest. A 59-year-old man suspected of being responsible for the explosive device was also killed. The incident happened near the southern city of Guangzhou on Monday morning in the tiny village of Mingjing and is the intended site of a major property redevelopment that involves relocating locals. Several people claimed the attack was triggered by a dispute over compensation

THE PHILIPPINES

Top court probes into attack on judges

The Philippines' highest court launched an investigation on Tuesday into the scale of violence and threats against lawyers and judges in the past 10 years. The period of time covers the administrations of former president Benigno Aquino and current leader Rodrigo Duterte, whose crackdown on drug users and war against communist rebels have killed thousands of people. Among them are hundreds of activists, lawyers and journalists. A statement signed by the full bench condemned "every instance" where a lawyer or judge was killed or threatened. In a move welcomed by rights groups, it called on lower courts, law enforcement and the public to provide information to "shed light on the number and context" of each case

EXTREMISM

Death to 14 jihadists for plot to kill PM Hasina

DHAKA

FOURTEEN jihadists were sentenced to death in Bangladesh on Tuesday for attempting to assassinate PM Sheikh Hasina over two decades ago, a prosecutor said. The 2000 bomb plot was one of several attempts on Hasina's life in a wave of violence by Islamic extremists who were angry at her secular stance at the time.

Since then, a major crackdown against homegrown Islamist groups has seen more than 100 extremists killed in raids and over 1,000 arrested. A fast-track court handed down death sentences to all 14 accused — five of them absconding — after they were found guilty of sedition and criminal conspiracy, prosecutor AA Bhuiyan told AFP.

They planted two bombs in the grounds of a college where Hasina was due to address a rally. The devices were discovered and defused. "They are Islamist extremists belonging to the HuJI (Harkat ul Jihad al Islami) and JMB (Jamayetul Mujahideen Bangladesh)," he said, referring to local extremist outfits blamed for a series of bombings in the 2010s. Mufti Abdul Hannan, the Afghan-trained leader of Bangladesh chapter of HuJI, and two of his associates were executed in 2017 for an attempt to kill the British High Commissioner in Dhaka.

Hasina's government executed five top leaders of Bangladesh's largest Islamist party, Jamaat-e-Islami, between 2013 and 2016 over war crimes during its 1971 war of independence.

EXPRESS READ

33 killed in military crackdown on Congo rebels

BUNIA: Twenty-seven rebels, five civilians and a soldier died in a two-day military operation against a notorious armed group in eastern DR Congo, the army said on Tuesday. The 27 slain members of the CODECO militia include "one of its major commanders, Malo-Maki," Lieutenant Jules Ngongo, the army's spokesman for the Ituri region, said. "Among the civilian population, five people were killed and decapitated" by CODECO, while one soldier died in the fighting and a second was wounded, he said. CODECO is an armed political-religious sect that has been linked to more than 1,000 deaths since December 2017.

Telegram raises $1 billion through bonds sale

Moscow: The encrypted messaging app Telegram has raised over $1 billion by selling bonds to foreign investors, its Russia-born founder Pavel Durov said Tuesday. Durov, 36, wrote on his Telegram channel that the bonds were sold to "some of the largest and most knowledgeable investors from all over the world". He added that this will allow Telegram to grow "while sticking to its values and remaining independent". Durov said the funds will fuel the app's monetisation strategy that was outlined in December, according to which the platform will launch paid services this year.

Ethiopia admits to Eritrea excesses

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIAN Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed admitted on Tuesday that troops from neighbouring Eritrea were present in the conflict-torn Tigray and suggested they may have been involved in abuses against civilians. The admission comes after months of denials from Addis Ababa and Asmara despite accusations.

Abiy sent troops into the semi-autonomous region of Tigray on November 4 after he blamed the state ruling party, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), for attacks on federal army camps.

Abiy Ahmed

The military campaign to unseat the TPLF has led to a drawn-out conflict that has seen brutal atrocities carried out against civilians. In a wide-ranging speech to parliament, Abiy said the "Eritrean people and government did a lasting favour to our soldiers," during the conflict, without giving details. "However, after the Eritrean army crossed the border and was operating in Ethiopia, any damage it did to our people was unacceptable," he said. "We don't accept it because it is the Eritrean army, and we would not accept it if it were our soldiers. The military campaign was against our clearly targeted enemies, not against the people. We have discussed this four or five times with the Eritrean government."

Abiy said that according to the Eritrean government, they have seized areas on the border but have vowed to leave if Ethiopian soldiers returned.

China's debt-trap diplomacy scores as Colombo accepts $1.5 billion topping

COLOMBO

SRI Lanka and China have signed a $1.5 billion currency swap deal, the island nation's central bank said on Tuesday, as it struggles with a major foreign exchange crisis and debt repayments. Colombo had been negotiating for months to secure credit from China — its largest single source of imports — as the island's foreign reserves plummet amid the pandemic.

Chinese influence in the South Asian nation has been growing in recent years, through loans and projects under its vast Belt and Road infrastructure initiative, raising concerns among regional powers and Western nations.

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka said the three-year swap arrangement for 10 billion yuan with the People's Bank of China was "with a view to promoting bilateral trade and direct investment for economic development of the two countries".

Officials said talks were also under way to secure another $700 million from the China Development Bank. Sri Lanka's economy was already reeling from the deadly 2019 Easter bombings, with the coronavirus epidemic and lockdowns further weighing on growth. The economy contracted by a record 3.9 percent last year.

Foreign reserves fell to $4.5 billion in February from $8.0 billion a year ago, despite Sri Lanka banning the import of luxury goods and vehicles as well as some food commodities.

Under former president Mahinda Rajapaksa between 2005 and 2015, Colombo borrowed billions from China, accumulating a mountain of debt for expensive infrastructure projects. Rajapaksa returned to power as prime minister in 2019, after his brother Gotabaya Rajapaksa was elected president. Sri Lanka was forced to hand over its strategic Hambantota port on a 99-year lease to a Chinese company in 2017 after Colombo said it was unable to service the $1.4 billion debt from Beijing.

21-YR-OLD HELD FOR COLORADO SHOOTING

BOULDER

COLORADO police on Tuesday said a 21-year-old man has been charged with 10 counts of murder, a day after a mass shooting at a grocery store in the city of Boulder. "This suspect has been identified as Ahmad Alissa, 21," Boulder Police Chief Maris Herold said in a media briefing.

"He is charged with 10 counts of murder in the first degree and will be shortly transported to Boulder county jail." gunman killed at least 10 people including a police officer at a grocery store in Colorado on Monday, police said, in the latest shooting to hit a state that was the site of two of the most infamous mass murders in US history.

Witnesses at the King Soopers supermarket in Boulder County, 30 miles (50 kilometers) northwest of the state capital Denver, said they initially heard multiple loud bangs outside the shop.

Survivors coming out of the grocery store, where the 21-year-old suspect (inset) opened fire Monday | AFP

Nevin Sloan, who narrowly escaped with his wife Quinlan, said panic then set in as the sound of gunshots drew closer and shoppers were forced to decide whether to stay put or make a break for the exit.

Police chief Maris Herold said 10 people were killed, including officer Eric Talley, 51, who was first on the scene, paying tribute to his "heroic" colleague.

"Didn't surprise me he was the first one there," his father, Homer Talley, told local network KUSA, saying his son "loved his family more than anything."

Live-streamed video earlier showed a white middle-aged man — shirtless and with a bloodied leg — detained by police and led from the supermarket. Dozens of armored vehicles, ambulances and armed personnel including FBI agents and SWAT teams were deployed to the scene.

The incident follows another mass shooting last week at Asian-owned spas in the southeastern state of Georgia that left eight dead.

The western state has previously suffered two of the most infamous mass shootings in US history. In 1999, two boys shot and killed 12 classmates and a teacher at Columbine High School. Then in 2012, a heavily armed man stormed a movie theater in Aurora, murdering 12.

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
280.15 ▲	Sensex	50,051.44	₹16 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,500	₹30 ⇔	Per kg	₹65,787	▼ Dollar		72.43
78.35 ▲	Nifty	14,814.75	₹16 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,482	₹0 ⇔	Per gm	₹65.79	▼ Euro		86.06

Banks set to add ₹1.2 lakh cr NPAs

Central bank expects bad loans levels to touch a near 22-year high, GNPA ratio to double

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

INDIAN banks are all set to add bad loans worth ₹1.2-1.3 lakh crore to their official tallies—loans that were still to be recognised as non-performing assets (NPAs) since the Supreme Court had, in September 2020, ordered all banks to not classify Covid-19-related defaults as NPAs.

However, with the apex court now lifting the asset classification standstill, the moment of reckoning will arrive as early as the current quarter. Banks, which have been classifying such loans as proforma bad loans in notes to accounts following the standstill order, will have to declare the actual NPA position under the gross NPAs head in the March quarter balance sheet.

According to pro forma disclosures made so far, 22 banks have reported pro forma gross NPAs of about ₹8 lakh crore. This indicates that around ₹1.2 lakh crore (nearly 1.2 per cent of advances) of bad loans exist in the system which are yet to be recognised, according to brokerage firm Care Ratings.

Other agencies also expect banks to see a surge, with ICRA Ratings pegging Gross NPAs to go up by ₹1.3 lakh crore and net NPAs by ₹1 lakh crore and S&P Global Ratings expecting stressed assets to rise to 11 per cent of gross loans in the next 12-18 months from 8 per cent of June 2020.

Of this ₹8 lakh crore, eight public sector banks alone account for over ₹6 lakh crore, while the remaining 14 private banks have reported pro forma GNPAs at over ₹2 lakh crore. SBI reported the highest pro forma GNPA at over ₹16,000 crore, followed by Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India and Canara Bank. Among private banks, Yes Bank reported the highest unclassified bad assets of over ₹8,000 crore in the December quarter, followed by Axis Bank and HDFC Bank.

Meanwhile, the RBI estimates that bad loans will touch a near 22-year high under a baseline stress scenario with gross NPA ratio likely to double from 7.5 per cent last September to 13.5 per cent by September 2021. What has come as a relief, at least in part, is that all banks have kept aside additional provisions for NPAs that may arise in the future.

Banks were required to set aside 10 per cent additional provisioning beyond the central bank's mandate over a period of two quarters (5 per cent each in March and June 2020 quarters) on loan accounts where moratorium benefit had been extended.

To be sure, banks are currently in the process of trying to recover loans from this pool of bad assets, apart from giving them the benefit of a debt recast under the recently announced one-time restructuring window. It remains to be seen whether the actual GNPA build up is more or lesser than the pro forma figure.

₹8L cr	11%	₹6L cr
Pro forma gross NPAs declared	Estimated GNPA in 12-18 months	Pro forma GNPAs declared by PSBs

SC's loan moratorium judgement: Everything borrowers need to know

THE Supreme Court has ordered a waiver of compound interest for all borrowers. What does it mean for you?

If you had availed a loan moratorium or deferred your EMI payments (including credit cards) that were due between March 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020, the interest is not waived off and will continue to accrue on the outstanding balance because the banks still have to pay interest to their depositors and pensioners.

During the moratorium period, however, the interest-on-interest or compound interest (which the SC terms as penal interest) is completely waived. This means that while banks have already refunded the compound interest paid by borrowers for loans below ₹2 crore, now only the remaining (particularly, large industries) require to be paid. The refund or the compound interest shall be adjusted to the next installment payable instead of refunding it to the borrower irrespective of the loan amount in question.

Will the scheme be applicable to those who didn't take the moratorium?

The government had in its October 2020 ruling specified that the scheme will be applicable irrespective of whether a borrower in the specified category took the moratorium fully, partially, or did not take it at all.

Who will bear the cost?

The government has specified that it will bear the cost. It is estimated that the scheme will cost the government ₹14,000 crore, according to brokerage firm ICRA. While the total cost borne by the government for small ticket loans of up to ₹2 crore was estimated to be ₹6,500 crore, the extended waiver will cost an additional ₹7,000-7,500 crore.

Will I still have to pay extra as interest, if I choose the moratorium?

Yes, you will be paying more as interest, if you choose to avail of the moratorium. Let us see how that works. For instance, you had taken a property loan of ₹70 lakh at 9% interest for a period of 20 years. The monthly installment in this case comes to ₹64,400.

In case you chose to take the moratorium for three months, the interest will continue to accrue which comes to ₹1,58,684. This will be added to your overall liability. So, the total amount payable will be ₹1,54,58,049.

In case the moratorium was not availed, then the total amount payable will be ₹1,51,15,396. You will be paying a higher amount when you repay the EMIs because if you had not opted for the moratorium, you would have ended up saving ₹3,42,653.

RETRO TAX

Centre files appeal against Cairn arbitration award

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AS Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had indicated, the central government has filed a plea against the order of an international arbitration panel asking India to return $1.4 billion to UK's Cairn Energy Plc. According to sources, India has challenged the plea in court at The Hague.

The appeal was filed on Monday, a source with knowledge of the matter said. However, neither the finance ministry nor the law ministry could be reached for comment at the time of filing this report.

Earlier, the FM had said that that while the BJP government was against retro tax, the government would certainly appeal in cases where the nation's sovereign authority to tax is questioned. "Where I find arbitration award questioning India's sovereign authority to tax... if there is a question about the sovereign right to tax, I will appeal. It's my duty to appeal," she had said.

The government had already lost two high-profile arbitrations, one in the Vodafone case and another in the Cairn Energy matter.

The government has already challenged, in a Singapore court, the international arbitration tribunal verdict that overturned its demand for ₹22,100 crore in back taxes from Vodafone Group Plc.

In the case of Cairn Energy, the tribunal had asked India to return the value of shares seized and sold, dividend confiscated and tax refund stopped to adjust a ₹10,247 crore tax demand on Cairn. The tax department had, in March 2015 slapped the ₹10,247 crore demand on Cairn for the alleged capital gains it made on reorganising its India business prior to an IPO in 2006-07. The government also froze the payment of dividends by Cairn India to Cairn Energy.

Cairn, at that time, had stated that its internal reorganisation was in compliance with the law and had been approved by various regulatory bodies.

"Where I find arbitration award questioning India's sovereign authority to tax... if there is a question about the sovereign right to tax, I will appeal. It's my duty to appeal —Nirmala Sitharaman, Minsiter of Finance

GOA GETS E-BUSES

Chief Minister of Goa Pramod Sawant on Tuesday flagged off the first electric buses offering transport to commuters in the state. These buses are developed and manufactured by Olectra Greentech Ltd, an MEIL group firm | EXPRESS

Adani to buy majority stake in Gangavaram Port for ₹3,604 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ADANI Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) will buy a controlling interest in Andhra Pradesh's Gangavaram Port Ltd (GPL) from stakeholders DVS Raju and family, according to a company statement made Tuesday. Adani will pay ₹3,604 crore to increase its stakeholding in GPL to 89.6 per cent.

GPL is located in the northern part of Andhra Pradesh next to Vishakapatnam Port. APSEZ is India's largest private ports and logistics company and is the primary transportation subsidiary of the Adani conglomerate.

The company statement noted that the transaction will see Adani acquire the DVS Raju and family's 58.1 per cent stake in GPL for ₹3,604 crore. APSEZ had already announced that it is acquiring Warburg Pincus' 31.5 per cent stake in GPL on March 3, 2021. With the latest buyout, Adani will have increased its total stake in GPL to 89.6 per cent.

"Ports play a major role in shaping the future. Through APSEZ's 89.6 per cent stake in Gangavaram port, the Adani Group will greatly expand its pan-India cargo presence. As India's largest private sector port developer and operator, we will accelerate India's and AP's industrialisation," Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani tweeted after the announcement. Concession from the Government of Andhra Pradesh to the port extends until 2059.

According to the Adani statement, GPL is an all-weather, deep water, multipurpose port capable of handling fully laden super cape size vessels of up to 2,00,000 DWT.

Finance Bill passed, FM says will discuss GST on petroleum if states want it

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said that the government will take up efforts to rationalise the customs duty structure in order to help domestic businesses, especially the MSME segment. She also added that if states so want, she would discuss bringing Petrol under GST in the next meeting.

She was speaking during a debate on the Finance Bill in the Parliament.

Referring to the issues raised by various members on higher taxes on motor fuel, Sitharaman said that she would love to discuss the issue of bringing petrol and diesel under GST in the next GST Council meeting. "A point which members raised—bring petrol and diesel into GST. The highest tax today on petrol and diesel is in Maharashtra. I'm not pointing out whether one state is more or less. The point is, states also tax fuel, not just Centre. When Centre taxes it's part of devolvable amount. If there is this concern about fuel tax, I honestly think based on today's discussion, many of the states would be watching this and in the next GST council if that discussion comes up, I will be glad to have it on the agenda and discuss it," she said.

The Finance Bill, which gives effect to tax proposals for 2021-22, was passed by voice vote after the acceptance of 127 amendments.

Justifying the equalization levy, Sitharaman said the government was very much in favour of digital transactions and was not trying to undermine them. She said that the levy was not applicable on consideration for goods which are owned by Indian residence.

"But yet, equalization levy is a tax which has been imposed to give level playing field between Indian businesses who pay tax in India and foreign ecommerce companies who do business in India but don't pay any income tax here. We are only trying to treat everybody who is operating in India equally," she added.

EXPRESS READ

Tatas' holding in Tata Com rises to 58.87%

New Delhi: Tata Group's holding in Tata Communications has increased to 58.87 per cent after the government sold stake to Tata Sons' unit Panatone Finvest. Before the stake sale exercise, the Government of India held a 26.12 per cent stake, while Panatone Finvest held 34.80 per cent and Tata Sons 14.07 per cent in the company.

Sebi disposes of case against BPSL

New Delhi: Sebi on Tuesday decided to dispose of proceedings against Birla Power Solutions Ltd since it is under liquidation but said the company will face debarment for securities law violations in case the court order on liquidation is reversed. The case pertains to fraudulent activities with respect to issuance of Global Depository Receipts.

PAG ups Edelweiss Wealth stake to 61.5%

New Delhi: Asia-focused investment manager PAG has increased it stake in Edelweiss Wealth Management (EWM) by an additional 61.5 per cent at an overall investment of around ₹2,900 crore. PAG has bought out two existing investors for around ₹500 crore for a 10 per cent stake in the third largest player in the ₹300-lakh crore wealth management industry.

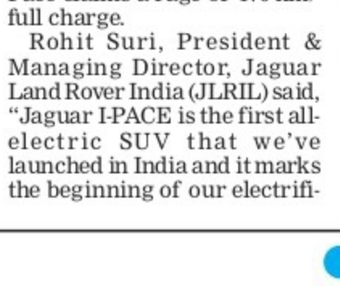
After Maruti Suzuki, Hero MotorCorp and Nissan to increase model prices

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MORE automakers are following India's largest automaker Maruti Suzuki's lead in choosing to increase vehicles prices from next month. On Tuesday, India's largest two-wheeler maker Hero MotoCorp said that it was making an upward revision in the ex-showroom prices of its motorcycles and scooters with effect from next month, April 1, 2021.

The price increase across the range of two-wheelers will be up to ₹2,500, and the exact quantum of the increase will vary on the basis of the model and the specific market in which it is being retailed.

"The price hike has been necessitated to partially offset the impact of increased commodity costs. The company has accelerated its cost savings program to ensure minimal impact on the customer," said Hero MotorCorp in a statement.



These hikes come as a big setback for consumers since this is the second time in three months that automakers have decided to pass on the rising input costs to final consumers. Add to this the record rise in fuel prices, the negative sentiment from which is already hampering two-wheeler sales over the last two months.

Taking Maruti's lead, Japanese carmaker Nissan also released a statement on Tuesday that it will increase the prices of its entire product range from next month.

"There has been continuous escalation in auto component prices and we have tried to absorb this escalation over the last few months. We are now constrained to increase our prices across all Nissan and Datsun models, the increase varies from variant to variant, while still offering the best value proposition to its discerning Indian customers," Nissan Motor India's Managing Director Rakesh Srivastava said in the statement.

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Target Price ₹1,200

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— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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IT'S ELECTRIC!

Jaguar Land Rover launches its first EV for India at ₹1.6 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

LUXURY carmaker Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) on Tuesday launched its first electric car in India—the Jaguar I-PACE—at a starting price of ₹1.6 crore. The launch took place a month after JLR, which is owned by the Tata Group, had announced that all Jaguar models and 60 per cent of Land Rovers sold will be zero-emissions vehicles by 2030.

The I-PACE is powered by a 90 kWh lithium-ion battery delivering 294 kW power and 696 Nm torque, allowing the electric car to accelerate from 0-100 km/hour in just 4.8 seconds. As for the driving range, the I-Pace claims a rage of 470 km/full charge.

Rohit Suri, President & Managing Director, Jaguar Land Rover India (JLRIL) said, "Jaguar I-PACE is the first all-electric SUV that we've launched in India and it marks the beginning of our electrification journey. With our electrified products we look forward to playing a significant role in India's electrification drive into the future."

To solve charging infrastructure scarcity, the biggest hurdle to India's EV ambition, the British-brand said that it recently equipped its 22 retail outlets across 19 cities with over 35 EV chargers. These charging units are a combination of 7.4 kW AC and 25 kW DC (fast) chargers.

Customers can access Tata Power's EZ Charge network of around 200 I-PACE compatible charging points on a use and pay basis. Additionally, JLR's competetor Mercedes Benz said that I-PACE owners can use its 100 Mercedes-Benz outlets to charge as they remain committed to promote EVs.

Mercedes had launched India's first luxury EV—the EQC 400—in October 2020 at ₹99 lakh, while Audi is set to launch the e-tron in the next 2-3 months. The Luxury EV space will also see a big push later this year as Tesla, the world's largest EV maker, is expected to enter the market.

Investors bet big on niche online beauty platforms

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

IF you are not selling online, you are missing out—this is what investors and company founders are saying these days. And for the beauty industry, there has never been a more opportune time than this to sell online. With the Covid menace still looming large, people are reluctant to shop from brick and mortar outlets, leading many brands to venture online to reach out to consumers beyond the metros.

The flourishing new ecosystem of influencer marketing, content creation, and omni-channel commerce tools has given also business models in the sector a makeover of sorts. The interest generated by the segment is being reflected in big-name investors such as e-commerce giant Amazon, investment firm Sequoia capital, and Wipro Consumers betting big on such brands recently.

On Tuesday, online platform purplle.com said it has raised $45 million from Verlinvest, Sequoia Capital India, Blume Ventures, and JSW Ventures. The investment, it said, will bolster the brand's ambition to deliver 8-10X growth in the next 4-5 years. One of the pupple.com's earliest backers, Ivycap ventures, exited the startup with 22x gains.

Last week, rival MyGlamm had raised ₹175 crore from investors including Amazon, Wipro Consumer, and Ascent Capital to fuel the expansion of its retail platform as well as its digital content channel Popxo. Market leader Nykaa , on the other hand is eyeing an IPO this year with a valuation of over $3 billion. Industry data indicates that the segment has seen a 40-60% YoY business growth in FY21 and a combined investment of $100 million.

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APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale Notice for Sale of immovable properties

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Bangalore Koramangala (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which has been taken on **12.06.2018** by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited, Regional Office Bangalore (Secured Creditor), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** on **21.04.2021,** for recovery of an amount of **Rs.1,00,47,514.22** (Rupees One Crore Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Fourteen and twenty two paise only) as on 21.03.2021 due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Koramangala, (Secured Creditor) from **Mr. Mohammed Yassir Arafath**, S/o Mr. Abdul Khader, Proprietor: M/S Highway Plywood At No:40/1 , Sonappa Complex, Opp Freedo Foundation, Hennur Village Main Road-Bangalore-560043, also at No:4, Near Chandrappa House, Konanakunte, Uttarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore-560062, also at No 76/B, C-4, 3rd Cross, Hennur Bande, Kalyana Nagar Post, Bangalore-560043, also at 3/A, Radiant Park, 9th Main,11th Cross, Opp. HMR.INTL School, Maruthi Layout, HBR 4th Block, Bangalore-560043 and Guarantor Mr. M. Shirajuddeen, S/o Mr. Mohammed Abdulla Mohammed, Libas Manzil, Azad Nagar, Kudlu Post, Kasargod District, Kerala-671124

The reserve price will be **Rs.77,00,000.00** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Only), and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.7,70,000.00** (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Thousand only).

SECURED ASSET

All that piece and parcel of land with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, measuring 2714 Sq Ft at BBMP- Ward No 195 khata No: 39(Site No 3&4) –, Konanakunte village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District i.e

Site No: 3 (E to W:17 feet, N to S: 46 feet- i.e., measuring 782 Square feet) Boundaries: North: Property of Munirajappa, South:20 feet road, East: Site No 4 / Property of Ramakrishna and West: Site No.2 of Mr Muniraju

Site No: 4 PID No 195-W0051-10 (E to W: 42 feet,N to S: 46 feet ie measuring 1932 Square feet) Boundaries: North: Property of Munirajappa, South: Road, East: Government Drainage and West: Site No.3 / property of Smt Gowramma

The property is covered by Absolute Sale deed No 2620/14-15 dt 06.06.14 SRO J P Nagar[Registration District: Bangalore Urban] and owned by Mr M. Shirajuddeen and Mr Mohammed Yassir Arafath.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. www.southindianbank.com

Date : 22.03.2021
Place :Bangalore
Sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Tumkur (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which was taken on 29.08.2020 by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited, Regional Office Bangalore (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", **"As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** on **20.04.2021,** for recovery of an amount of **Rs.26,48,84,798.61** (Rupees Twenty Six Crore Forty Eight Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Eight and Sixty one paise only) as on **19.03.2021** due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Tumkur, (Secured Creditor) from **M/s Swarnmandir Jewel Designer Private Limited,** (CIN:U33208KA2009PTC050106) IInd floor, Santhrupthi Complex, Vivekananda Road, Tumkur 572101 and the Guarantors, **1) Mr. Kishoor Kumar Pukharaj** alias Kishoor Kumar P alias Kishore Kumar P alias Kishor Kumar P, (Director, M/s Swarnmandir Jewel Designer Private Limited) **2) Mrs.Sobha** K, Director, M/s Swarnmandir Jewel Designer Private Limited **3) Mr. Aditya Kishoor,** No.1 to No.3 residing at: #73, Rajagopal Nagar Main Road, Karnataka Urban Co-operative Society Layout, Peenya, Bangalore -560058., **4) Mr. Mohan Raj** Parameshwara, S/o. Parameshwara K (Director, M/s Swarnmandir Jewel Designer Private Limited) 5) **Mr. Kumaresh K**, 6) **Mr. Jagadeesh K,** 7) **Mr. Parameshwara K,** No.4 to No.7 residing at No.8, O.T.C. Road, Next to Sharada Theatre, Bangalore-560002

The reserve price will be **Rs.1,05,00,000.00** (Rupees One Crore Five Lakh only), and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.10,50,000.00** (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand only)

SECURED ASSET

All that piece and parcel of residential flat – No.C2-1041 in the Fourth Floor with built up area of 1499.99 Square Feet and 298.96 Square feet, proportionate share in common areas, exclusive right over one covered Car parking in the basement in the Apartment building "Sobha Ruby Platinum" along with 0.10% equivalent to 564.38 Square feet of undivided share in residentially converted lands measuring about **566715.892 Square feet** (after excluding portion marked for Kharab land, park, open spaces, Civic amenities BDA road widening and future development) in Sy No 5/3, 18/1, 18/2, 18/3,18/4, 18/5, 18/6, 23,68, 69/2 and 70 portion of Nagasandra Village , Yeshvanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk (presently Chokkasandra under limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP Khatha No.1), Bangalore. Boundaries:

East by : Village Road & Private Property,
West By : Private Property
North By : Road (Bangalore –Pune Highway)
South by : Private Property

Flat boundaries: East: Open to sky, West: Common passage & thereafter lift, Flat C2-1043, C2-1042, North Staircase area, South: Open to sky

The property is owned by Mr. Kishoor Kumar P under Sale deed 5579/2011-12 dt 30.09.2011 (CD PNYD484 dt 30.09.2011) SRO Peenya

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. www.southindianbank.com

Date : 22.03.2021
Place :Bangalore
Sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER

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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 18TH ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
Crl.Mis No.4933/2020

BETWEEN: Smt. Kusuma B.R & another D/o Ramesh.LJ W/o. Hanumegowda .T.S, aged about 27 Years, R/at No.2, Thotagere Village, Gollahalli, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore District. ... **PETITIONER**

AND: The Commissioner, Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore. ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner have instituted the above case for issuing death certificate of their mother **"Gangalakshmamma"** if anyone has any sought of interest in the above subject matter my appear in person/through pleader duly authorized on **31.03.2021** at 11 am before the 18th ACMM, at Bengaluru, failing which above case shall be heard and will be decide according to the law.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this 17th day of March 2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, XVIII A.C.M.M Court, Banglauru.

G.M Gadilingappa, R.Manjunatha Advocates
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IN THE COURT OF THE XXVI MAGISTRATE ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN AT BENGALURU
C. MISC. No. 1156/2021

BETWEEN: 1) Sri ADISHCHANDRA BANTHIA S/o Late Bhawarlal, aged about 61 years, **2) Sri. A. CHANDRAKANTH JAIN,** S/o Adishchandra Banthia and Late Smt. Asha Bai, aged about 31 years, **3) Sri. ABHISHEK JAIN. A,** S/o Sri. Adishchandra Banthia and Late Smt. Asha Bai, aged about 28 years, All R/at No. 6/1, G-No. 10th Street, Near Halasuru Metro Station, Jogupalya, Halasuru, Bengaluru North, HAL 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560008. ... **PETITIONERS**

AND: The Commissioner, THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS and DEATHS, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru. ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to The Commissioner The Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP, Bengaluru to register the date of death of the deceased who is the Wife of petitioner No. 1 and father of Petitioner No. 2 and 3 who was by name as **Smt. ASHA BAS , W/o. Sri. Adishchandra Banthia** who died on 07-11-2019 at No. 6/1, G.No. 10th Street, Near Halasuru Metro Station, Jogupalya, Halasuru, Bengaluru North, HAL 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 008, and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate. It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation, for transfer of Katha and for other legal purposes and service benefits.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the above court at 11.00 a.m. on **26-03-2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 22-03-2021.

By order of the Court, Shristedar, XXVI ACMM Court, Bangalore Rural District, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioners: **UMADEVI**
#2/1, 10th Cross, Anepalya, Adugodi, Bangalore - 580 030. Mob: 91646 17422

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Mrs. SAJIDA BEGUM,** W/o Anwar Pasha, R/at No. 340, Munibyrappa Block, D.J. Halli, Arabic College, Bengaluru-560045, on 19/01/2021 has lost original General Power of Attorney and Affidavit dated: 04/02/95 in respect of the immovable property bearing T.P. No. 341 (Formerly bearing Site No.4 in Gramathana of Deverjeevanahalli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring North to South 44-0 Feet and East to West : 21.6 Feet, subsequently my Client have lodged complaint before the Bengaluru City Police on 19/01/2021 in Lost Report No. 010970/2021. If any person/s find the said originals document or any person/s having any right, may be informed to the undersigned Advocate within 15 days, failing which, it is presumed that my client is at liberty to deal with said property in any manner as she deems fit and any claim made after the stipulated period, will not be valid. However, there is a Notarized true copy of the General Power of Attorney and Affidavit which shall be considered as true documents until the originals are found.

C.R. ABDUL RASHEED (C.R.A.R.)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients **Smt. AMBIKA DEVI RATHI,** W/o Sri Anil Kumar Rathi, is intending to purchase the Schedule property from Smt. REKHA .H.S W/o Late H.L. Srinivas in respect of the schedule property mentioned below and any person/s who have any valid claim, demand or interest over the said property or any objections to the said transaction by our clients may file his/her objections in writing along with copies of the supporting documents duly attested with the undersigned within 15 days from this day, failing which it will be deemed that no other person/s has any claim or agreement to sell or DTD or charge lien, otherwise or objections to the said transaction of the schedule property by our clients and our clients will complete the registration of the Sale Deed as if there is no such claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old No. 7, New No. 7/3-2, Danakai Kasappa Lane, B.V.K. Iyengar Road Cross, Bangalore-560053 comes within the limits of BBMP, ward No:28, PID No:28-158-7/3-2, measuring East to West 18.7¼ Feet and North to South 8.6 Feet totally measuring 160.82 Sq.ft, Ground and First Floor roofed constructed with bricks and cement wall with all amenities and bounded as follows On the East by: Property of H.G. Nagendrasa, West by: 1st Cross Dhana Kai Kashappa Lane, North by: Remaining portion of Old No:7 now fallen share of H.L. Rajkumar, South by: Remaining portion of Old No:7 and new No:7/3-1 belonging to Smt. Ambika Devi Rathi.

T.N. RAJASHEKAR, Advocate
'S.V.Manjunatha and Associates'
No.14, 13th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002.

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Regd. Office: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganapatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013. CIN No. U67190MH2008PLC187552
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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
(As per Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 10th May, 2018 calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular and the public, in general, that as per the order of Hon'ble 2nd Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate court at Bangalore dated 27/04/2019, passed in Crl Misc. No.5397/2018, the Court Commissioner has taken Physical Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him and handed over the physical possession to the undersigned Authorised Officer of Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited on 20th, March 2021. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower, in particular, and the public in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited, for an amount referred to below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from the date of demand notice.

Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s):	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Physical Possession
9093815	Mrs. KAVYA as Borrower and Mr. R SAGAR, (Co-borrower)	Rs. 59,47,872/- As on 10th May, 2018.	20th March, 2021

Description of Secured Assets/Immovable Properties: SCHEDULE A: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 16, Katha No. 32/2 and 33 situated at Konanakunte Village, Uttarahali Hobli, Banglore South Taluk measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq. Ft, along with residential building consisting of Ground, First, Second and Third Floors, RCC roofed House with all Civic amenities thereon, which is coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded on:

East by: Site No. 17, North by: Property belonging to Mr. Muniyappa, West by: Site No. 15, South by: Road.

Date: 20th March, 2021, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details: Name Shri. V Parusurama
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Mobile No: 9449840057
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Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgager and Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised officer of State Bank of India,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 09.04.2021** for recovery of **Rs. 78,97,861/-** (Rupees Seventy eight lakhs ninety seven thousand eight hundred and sixty one only) as on **23.02.2021** + interest from **24.02.2021** + costs, charges and incidental expenses to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri. Phaniraju Kandukuri (Borrower).**The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount will be as under:

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	E- Auction Date and Time	Last Date & Time to Submit EMD and KYC
1	Rs. 87,39,000/-	Rs. 8,73,900/-	Rs 1,00,000/-	09.04.2021 from 11.00am to 12.00pm	07.04.2021 Up to 4.00pm

Description of property:
Tender No: SBI/RACPC/MALL/EA/BFI/30 Title deed holder: Sri. Phaniraju Kandukuri
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No. 7/1A-150, 1st Cross Vidhanasouda layout, Lakshmidevinagara, Laggere, Bangalore 560096, earlier formed in converted Sy. No. 7/1A, vide conversion order No. ALN(N)CR/128/2011-12, dated 02.03.2012 by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Laggere Village, Yeswanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike limits having BBMP ward No. 42, measuring 26136 Sq ft and bounded on: East by: Sy No. 10, Thimmaiah's land, West by: Remaining land in same Sy No. 7/1A, North by: Road and remaining portion of Sy No. 7/1B, South by: Road.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: Item No. 1: 555.17 Sq ft, undivided share of land, right, title and interest in the Schedule A property out of 26,136 Sq ft.
Item No. 2: 632.07 Sq ft, undivided share of land, right, title and interest in the Schedule A property out of 26,136 Sq ft.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: Item No 1: 2 BHK flat bearing No. 310, (North facing) on the Third floor of the residential complex known as "RAINBOW RESIDENCY" having super built up area of 1054 Sq ft, constructed on 'A' Schedule property with vitrified flooring, flush doors, distemper and aluminum windows including one covered car parking place in stilt floor, together with proportionate share in common area, passages, lobbies, staircases, lift and other areas of Common use in Schedule 'A' Property.
Item No 2: 2 BHK flat bearing No.311 (Western facing) on the Third floor of the residential complex known as "RAINBOW RESIDENCY" having super built up area of 1200 Sq ft and exclusive usage area of 210 Sq. ft constructed on 'A' Schedule property with vitrified flooring, flush Doors, distemper and aluminum windows including one covered car parking place in stilt floor, together with proportionate share in common area, passages, lobbies, staircases, lift and other areas of Common use in Schedule 'A' Property.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For further details regarding inspection of property the intending bidder may contact the **Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, RACPC MALLESHWARAM (41161) No.97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore -560020 during office hours, Ph: 080-25943732, 25943720. or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, BFI Factoring Services Pvt. Ltd. Sri. Anjan Kumar Cell No. 8660590654 during office hours,** and also may contact the Bank's approved service provider **M/s C1 India Private Limited, Gurgaon at the web portal (https://bankeauctions.com). Helpline e-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com, karnataka@c1india.com** for any information on procedure of e-auction.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **www.sbi.co.in and https://bankeauctions.com**

Date : 23.03.2021
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India RACPC BZ-1, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru

KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the **Authorized Officer of Karnataka Gramin Bank,** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession on the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on mentioned dates. The Borrowers in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank ,** for the amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors: (1) Smt. Munirathnamma w/o Beerappa **(2) Sri. Beerappa** s/o Ramanna Both are R/at Attivatta, Jadigenahalli (H), Hosakote (Tq), Bangalore Rural (D)-562114.
Branch : Immadihally **Demand notice dated :12.12.2019** **Possession notice dated : 18.03.2021**
Outstanding Amount : Rs.1,26,598 /- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight Only) as on **25/02/2021** and interest from **26/02/2021.**
Description Of The Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the property bearing Site No.13F, Junjar/Khatha No.11 measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 39 feet Situated at Attivatta (V), Jadigenahalli (H), Hosakote (Tq), Bangalore Rural (D). **This Property is in the names of Smt. Munirathnamma w/o Beerappa and Sri. Beerappa s/o Ramanna.** Bounded : On the East by Property of Munichandramma, On the West by Property of Vasudevappa, On the North by Property of Devaraju, On the South by Road.

2) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors: (1) Sri. Ravikumar N s/o S Narayanaswamy R/at Near Chikkanjineya Temple, Immadihalli, K R Puram (H),Bangalore East (Tq), Bangalore-560066 **(2) Sri. Anjinappa** s/o Late Sonnappa (Guarantor) R/at Immadihalli, K R Puram (H),Bangalore East (Tq), Bangalore-560066.
Branch : Immadihally **Demand notice dated :12.03.2020** **Possession notice dated : 18.03.2021**
Outstanding Amount : Rs.7,71,070/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy One Thousand Seventy Only) as on **19/02/2021** and interest from **20/02/2021.**
Description Of The Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the property having Site No.4, Property No.24/9, BBMP Khatha No.199/24/9/4 measuring E-W- 36.6 feet on southern side 34 feet on northern side and N-S-68 feet situated at Hagadur, Immadihally, K R Puram (H), Bangalore East (Tq), Bangalore. **This Property is in the name of Sri. Ravikumar N s/o S Narayanaswamy**. Bounded: On the East by : 16 feet road, On the West by : Property of Venkataramanappa, On the North by : Property of A Shankar, On the South by : Remaining property.

3) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors: (1) Smt. Eshwaramma w/o Shankarappa C **(2) Sri. C Shankarappa** s/o Late Changalarayappa both are R/at Seegehalli (V), Bidarahalli (H), Kadugodi (P), Banglore-560067 **(3) Sri.Gangaraju** s/o Munireddy (Guarantor for loan A/c 42224202000114) R/at Huskur, Hosakote (Tq) **(4) Sri. C Subramani Reddy** s/o Jayaram Reddy (Guarantor for Loan A/c 42224202000115) R/at No.356, Seegehalli, Banglore east (Tq), Banglore-560067 .
Branch : Immadihally **Demand notice dated : 12.12.2019** **Possession notice dated : 18.03.2021**
Outstanding Amount : Rs.41,56,414/- (Forty One Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen Only) as on **09/02/2021** and interest from **10/02/2021** for the **A/c No. 42224202000114** and **Rs.26,50,762/- (Twenty Six Lakh Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Two Only)** as on **22/02/2021** and interest from **23/02/2021** for the A/c No. **42224202000115.**
Description Of The Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the Property having (1) site no.400, Khatha No.712, Property No.42, Measuring East to west 30 feet, North to south 50 feet and (2) site no.401, Khatha No.711, Property No.42 measuring East to west 30 feet, North to south 50 feet Situated at St Joseph School Road, (Ambedkar Nagara), Pattandur Agrahara, K R Puram (H), Banglore East (Tq). **These Properties are in the names of Smt. Eshwaramma w/o Shankarappa C and Sri C Shankarappa s/o Late Changalarayappa**. Bounded: (1) On the East by: Site No.399, On the West by : Site No.401, On the North by : Road, On the South by : Site No.407. (2) On the East by: Site No.400, On the West by : Private Property, On the North by : Site No.392, On the South by : 40 feet road.

4) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors: borrower (1) Smt.Roopa w/o Narayanaswamy **(2) Sri.Narayanaswamy** s/o Ramamurthy Both are R/at Narayanakere (V), Anugondanahalli (H), Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-560067 **(3). Sri.Ramappa K R** s/o Ramappa (Guarantor) R/@ Narayanakere (V), Anugondanahalli (H), Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-560067.
Branch : Kalkunte **Demand notice dated : 04.12.2020** **Possession notice dated : 18.03.2021**
Outstanding Amount : Rs.3,47,652/- (Three Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Two Only) as on **03/03/2021** and interest from **04/03/2021.**
Description Of The Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the property is having Khaneshumari No.256, Junger No.300, Sy.No.2/P measuring 3.05 guntas. E to W:30 Ft N to S:120 Ft Totally 3600 Sq Ft situated at Narayanakere (V), Anugondanahalli (H), Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **This Property is in the name of Smt.Roopa w/o Narayanaswamy**. Bounded: On the East by: Muniyamma's property, On the West by: Road, On the North by: Rajendrappa's property, On the South by: Vijayamma's property.

5) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors: (1) Smt.M.Radhamma w/o K.Nanjappa **(2) Sri.Nanjappa K.S.** s/o Kempanna (Guarantor) Both are R/@ Thirumalashettyhalli, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist 562114
Branch : Kalkunte **Demand notice dated : 20.11.2020** **Possession notice dated : 18.03.2021**
Outstanding Amount : Rs.2,27,628/- (Two Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Eight Only) as on **12/02/2021** and interest from **13/02/2021**
Description Of The Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the property having Khaneshumari No.88 measuring E-W-44 feet N-S-36 feet situated at ThirumalashettyhalliAnugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **This Property is in the name of Smt.M.Radhamma w/o K.Nanjappa**. Bounded: On the East by: Road, On the West by: Nanjunda Swamy's Property, On the North by: Nanjunda Swamy's Property, On the South by: Remaining portion of same Khaneshumari No.

Date : 18.03.2021
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK

DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED (DHFL)

Changing Rules Changing Lives
National Office : HDIL Tower, 6th Floor, Anant Kanekar Marg, Bandra East, Mumbai – 400 051.
Branch Office : Bangalore Branch

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)
Under Section 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act and under Rule-8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas
The undersigned is an Authorised Officer of **Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL)** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rules 3, 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 17/09/2020 under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the followings:

Name, Addresses of the Borrowers, Guarantors and Mortgagors and description of Secured Assets of loan code No. 00006116			
1. Parth Constructions Pvt Ltd No. 246, Rajani Gandha Garden Apts, No. 21, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore - 560 001. **(Borrower/ Mortgagor)**	**2. Cyma Investments Pvt Ltd** Unit No. 201, "Unique Centre" Plot No. 15, Waterfield Rd., Bandra (W) Mumbai - 400 050. **(Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor)**	**3. Mr. Suresh Vora** Samshiba Bldg No. 10/S, Nargis Dutt Lane, Pali Hill, Bandra W, Mumbai - 400 050. **(Guarantor)**	**4. Mr. B Lingappa** 186 Chandra Niwas, 1st Main Rd, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560 002. **(Guarantor / Mortgagor / Land Owner)**
5. Ms. B R Prema 186 Chandra Niwas, 1st Main Rd, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 002. **(Guarantor / Mortgagor / Land Owner)**	**6. Ms. L Chaitra** 186 Chandra Niwas, 1st Main Rd, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 002. **(Guarantor / Mortgagor / Land Owner)**	**7. Mr. Harsha L** 186 Chandra Niwas, 1st Main Rd, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 002. **(Guarantor / Mortgagor / Land Owner)**	**8. Mr. Gopal P Shinde** Flat 246, Rajanigandha Aprts, 21 Vittal Mallya Rd, Bangalore - 560 001. **(Guarantor / Director of Borrower and Co-Borrower Company)**
9. Ms. Vandana G Shinde Flat 246, Rajanigandha Aprts, 21 Vittal Mallya Rd, Bangalore - 560 001. **(Guarantor / Director of Borrower Company)**	**10. Mr. Sanjeet Raut** Flat 256, Rajanigandha Aprts, 21 Vittal Mallya Rd, Bangalore - 560 001. **(Guarantor / Director of Borrower and Co-Borrower**	**11. Mr. Sachin Vora** Villa 128, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Devarabeesanahalli, Bellandur, Bangalore-560 103. **(Guarantor / Director of Co-Borrower Company)**	**12. Mr. Saurin Vora** B-71, Raghukul Apts, Shroff Rd., Rajkot - 360 001. **(Guarantor / Director of Co-Borrower Company)**

For Loan Account Code No. 00006116 of Bangalore Branch to repay the amount outstanding, as mentioned in the notice, of Rs.72,18,95,524/- (Rupees Seventy Two Crore Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Four Rupees Only) outstanding and payable as on 17/09/2020, with further interest, non-compliance charges, incidental expenses, costs and any other charges etc from 18/09/2020 till the date of repayment of liability in full, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the abovementioned demand notice.
The Borrower, Guarantors and Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers, Guarantor, Mortgagors and public in general that the undersigned has taken **Possession of the property** described herein below on 22/03/2021 in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules.
The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property described herein below and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of DHFL, for an amount of Rs.72,18,95,524/- (Rupees Seventy Two Crore Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Four Rupees Only) outstanding and payable as on 17/09/2020, with further interest, non-compliance charges, incidental expenses, costs and any other charges etc. from 18/09/2020 till the date of repayment of liability in full of the Loan Account Code No. 00006116 of Bangalore Branch.
The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

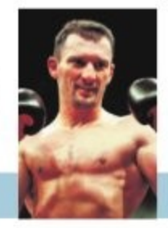
Exclusive charge by way of registered mortgage of All that piece and parcel of the property and project **"Parth Gardenia"** being constructed on land bearing Survey No. 164/1, measuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas (including 2 Guntas of Kharab), situated in Kodagihalli Village, YelahankaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk along with present and future construction thereon which includes 149 unsold and 26 booked units/flats of Developers share mortgaged and hypothecated, 81 unsold units of Land owners mortgaged and hypothecated with DHFL as more particularly described in Annexure of Possession Notice dated 22/03/2021 pasted & issued to above mentioned Borrower, Guarantors and Mortgagors and bounded as under:

East by	Property of Sri. Srinivasaiah and Sri. Byre Gowda
West by	Thoti Inamthi Land belonging to N.T.I Housing Society
North by	Road leading to Kodagihalli- Thindlu
South by	RajKaluve and Road

(Please Note that the units constructed in **"Parth Gardenia"** for which DHFL has issued NOCs for sale/lease, may be excluded from the list mentioned hereinabove, on production of copies of the NOCs of DHFL along with proofs in respect of payment made to DHFL and compliances of all other terms and conditions stipulated therein.)

Please Note that under sub-section (13) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act the Borrowers, Guarantors and Mortgagors are barred from transferring and/or dealing with any of the Secured Asset(s) described above by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without obtaining prior written consent of DHFL and non-compliance of the said provisions of the SARFAESI Act is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the SARFAESI Act.
As per Rule 3 (5) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 we hereby draw your attention to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the SARFAESI Act under which the Borrower has right to redeem the "Secured Assets" by tendering the amount of dues of the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for public

AIBA appoints Kovacs as secretary general



The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has appointed two-time world champion and Olympic gold-winning former boxer Istvan Kovacs as its secretary general. The decision was taken by the AIBA Board of Directors on Monday during a meeting via video conference.

Last-minute changes hassle para athletes in Bengaluru

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

A FEW of the para-athletes had already reached Chennai. Some others were in the train when the news reached them. The eleventh hour change of venue for the 19th National Para Athletics Championships from Chennai to Bengaluru means the testing times for para athletes continue. According to a PCI circular on the *paralympicindia.org.in* website, they had to move it because of 'last minute cancellation of permission by Govt. of Tamil Nadu'.

With the event beginning Wednesday, they had to travel, once again, to Bengaluru on short notice. PCI understood the problems and managed to provide them with hotel bookings on the eve of the meet.

One para-athlete Nidhi Mishra, who won bronze at the Asian Para Games 2018, did not know about her stay in the city even when she landed in Bengaluru on Tuesday. It was late in the evening when she came to know about the hotel arrangement.

Nidhi Mishra

"They could have handled the situation better. This time it is more dangerous as it is pandemic time. And it is in a city where cases are on the rise. I have managed to reach here, but I do not know how others have reached. Some athletes are from such poor backgrounds that they will not be able to tell you about their situation also," said Mishra.

However, PCI cannot be held solely accountable. They were also caught off-guard when they had to shift the venue. Also, one look at the circular dated February 11 clearly mentions 'State/Union Territory Unit/Athletes' need to make transport arrangements while accomodation and food will be on the State/Union Territory. However, the situation is different this time around. Not only Covid-19, but athletes did not have much time to make alternate arrangements, hence the PCI took it upon themselves to sort out the issue.

"We had two options after Chennai could not host: cancel or conduct. We shifted it to Bengaluru. We wanted to make sure that this year's nationals would go on. With the event coming to Bengaluru, we have tried to do our best. Though the initial circular sent (for Chennai) stated no accommodation would be provided, we decided to accommodate athletes in hotels around 2km of Kanteerava Stadium. Also, the food and transport arrangements are done," said Satyanarayana, PCI's technical committee chairman.

The nationals, which last took place in 2018, is significant for several para athletes as it also serves as qualification for the Tokyo Paralympics. More than 900 para athletes will compete in 159 events over a period of three days in Bengaluru. Though Mariyappan Thangavelu (men's high jump T63), Sudar Singh Gurjar (Javelin Throw F46), Sandeep Choudhary (Javelin Throw F64) and others have helped India earn a quota for the para games, their performance in the nationals will be keenly followed.

KL Rahul & Krunal Pandya during their unbeaten 112-run partnership in the first ODI against England in Pune on Tuesday | BCCI

4 Prasidh Krishna is the first Indian man to take four wickets on his ODI debut.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Rohit c Buttler b Stokes 28, Dhawan c Morgan b Stokes 98, Kohli c Moeen b Wood 56, Iyer c sub (Livingstone) b Wood 6, Rahul (not out) 62, Hardik c Bairstow b Stokes 1, Krunal (not out) 58. **Extras** (lb3, w5) 8. **Total** (50 overs, 5 wickets) **317. FoW:** 1-64, 2-169, 3-187, 4-197, 5-205. **Bowling:** Wood 10-1-75-2, Sam 10-1-48-0, Tom 10-0-63-0, Stokes 8-1-34-3, Rashid 9-0-66-0, Moeen 3-0-28-0.

ENGLAND

Roy c sub (Suryakumar) b Krishna 46, Bairstow c Kuldeep b Thakur 94, Stokes sub (Gill) b Krishna 1, Morgan c Rahul b Thakur 22, Buttler lbw Thakur 2, Billings c Kohli b Krishna 18, Moeen c Rahul b Kumar 30, Sam c sub (Gill) b Krunal 12, Tom c Kumar b Krishna 11, Rashid c Rahul b Kumar 0, Wood (not out) 2. **Extras** (lb3, w10) 13. **Total** (42.1 overs, all out) **251. FoW:** 1-135, 2-137, 4-175, 5-176, 6-217, 7-237, 8-239, 9-241. **Bowling:** Kumar 9-0-30-2, Krishna 8.1-1-54-4, Thakur 6-0-37-3, Krunal 10-0-59-1, Kuldeep 8-0-68-0.

BEGINNER'S LUCK

In a continuing theme for India, debutants Prasidh & Krunal shine to steal a win

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

AT the fag end of a long international cricketing season, this three-match ODI series definitely looks out of place. Especially when there is no 50-over tournament to look forward in the distant future. The manner in which the T20 series panned out with a World Cup looming, additional number of matches in the shortest format would have made everyone happy. Not this. For players especially, this is a series which could have been avoidable. It would have helped them get a break from living under a bio-bubble before they join their respective IPL teams.

Like many things that don't make sense in cricket, they are trying to find one in this three ODIs that is slotted in between T20s. One could argue that this isn't inconsequential, for it comes under the World Super League that acts as a Qualifier for the 2023 World Cup. Any points that England gain will only give them an advantage, but there is something called timing, an aspect that is so important for cricketers, which seems to be of no significance to the organisers.

How England — naming a near full-strength side — and India — preferring to rest several of their first-choice players — told its own story about how the teams view this series. The significance this series offers for India is, if they manage to beat England by a 3-0 scoreline, they will raise to the top of ICC ODI rankings. Courtesy their 66-run win at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium on Tuesday, the hosts took a 1-0 lead in the series.

26 No of balls taken by Krunal Pandya to 50. The fastest by a debutant.

This win would be a pleasing one for India. The season of their newbies striking gold straightaway in the international arena continues to spill across formats. The list is already long enough and on Tuesday, Krunal Pandya, with an unbeaten 58 off 31 deliveries (the fastest fifty by a debutant off 26 balls), not only rescued India but also powered them to 317. Then, another debutant, Prasidh Krishna, brought them back into the game by removing Jason Roy and Ben Stokes when England had the upper hand.

Complimenting the two debutants, Shikhar Dhawan (98), KL Rahul (62 not out) and Virat Kohli (56) played their part with the bat in an innings that was more of a start-stop-start affair.

Whenever they looked to be in a position to accelerate, they lost wickets, leaving the job to the other, before Krunal and Rahul provided the finishing touches the innings desperately needed.

Defending 317, which seemed a par-total, India didn't seem to have any answers to England's onslaught at the top, orchestrated by Jonny Bairstow, who scored a violent 94 off 66 deliveries. England started with a flurry of boundaries, making full use of the first powerplay, scoring 89 runs. 131 at the end of 14th over, with a required rate of 5.19 runs, England appeared to coast before Roy's and Stokes' dismissals gave India an opening.

Despite losing wickets, England didn't shelve their aggressive approach and it more or less led to their downfall too as India picked up wickets at regular intervals. By the time, Shardul Thakur removed Bairstow with a knuckleball, India had wrestled the momentum back from England. Though the spinners couldn't be as effective, Krishna, Bhuveshwar Kumar and Thakur did the job for India.

FAMILIAR FACE FINDS 'HOME' COMFORT

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

THE Qatar skeet team have won three medals (a silver and two bronze) so far at the ongoing World Cup here at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range. The second of the bronze arrived on Tuesday, courtesy Reem Al Sharshani and Rashid Hamad in the mixed team skeet event. That is a reminder of the eclectic bunch of shooters Qatar have bought to New Delhi.

While Reem comes from one of the foremost sporting families in the country — they are represented in swimming, racing and golf — Al-Attiyah, a six-time Olympian, is a Dakar champion. One member, however, is well known to Indians: Ennio Falco. The former Indian skeet coach is now in Qatar's corner. And his current team praised their new coach, admitting his inputs helped them win medals at this event. Al-Attiyah, in fact, last medalled at the World Cup in 2001, before winning a bronze in skeet at the ongoing meet.

"We have had a great start so far and all the athletes are improving. We have a long road ahead and I'm focussing on producing a team strong enough to compete on the biggest stage by the next Olympics," the Italian told this daily.

It must have been strange for him to see his former wards clinch a gold in the team event, beating his own wards while the mixed team of Angad Bajwa and Ganemat Sekhon helped India claim their seventh gold medal of the World Cup when they beat Kazakhstan's Alexandr Yechshenko and Olga Panarina 33-29 on Tuesday. "We are professionals at the end of the day. It does hurt to lose but I'm happy for team India. They have improved a lot over the years and the emergence of young shooters like Angad and Gurjoat Khangura bode well for the sport. There are quite a few talented skeet shooters coming up and I feel the future for the sport is bright in India."

After being a regular on these ranges for so many years, the 1996 Atlanta Olympics gold medallist has fond memories of the place and still considers this almost like his home range. But due to some differences with the NRAI over selection issues, he had to leave his post but the 53-year-old revealed he had no regrets and certainly no ill feelings. Leaving at such a crucial juncture might have strained the relations of most, but not Falco's. In fact, all the Indian shooters kept coming up to him and there was quite a bit of healthy banter going on.

"These things happen in sport and I'm grateful the NRAI gave me the opportunity to train all these talented shooters. We had a great time. As far as getting a new coach on board is concerned, I don't think it would be wise to get anyone prior to Tokyo as there is very little time to implement changes but certainly ahead of the next Olympic cycle. Me not being there will not affect the two quota holders as they know what it takes to win and they should be allowed to train the way they want without interference."

As far as training is concerned, the Indian pair of Mairaj and Angad will travel to Italy early next month not only to train but also to fix certain issues with their equipment. When asked if he would ever return to coach the side, Falco, with a wry smile, nodded and said, "Never say never in sport and life" and ran off to catch up with his new team.

Shafali show hands India win versus SA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

IN a dead-rubber, India women stamped authority with a comprehensive nine-wicket victory against South Africa in the third T20I in Lucknow. Though bowlers found their rhythm and gave the hosts a target of 113, it was Shafali Verma's fearless batting that stole the show for India.

The 17-year-old, who reclaimed her position as No 1 in the T20I rankings on Tuesday, started the chase with 18 runs off the first over. Her aggressive approach never slowed down as the opener smashed a 30-ball 60 to hand India a consolation win. The team lost the series 1-2. Skipper Smriti Mandhana remained unbeaten on 48 off 28 balls and stitched a 96-run partnership for the first wicket.

Shafali's innings consisted of five sixes and seven fours. With 130 runs from three matches, she was awarded the Player of the Series. "I practice hitting the long sixes. From the moment I put my hands on a bat, I only wanted to hit the ball hard. Unless I hit a few, I don't feel confident," she said after the match.

Earlier, left-arm spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad took three wickets to restrict the visitors to 112 for seven.

Brief scores: SA 112/7 in 20 ovs (Rajeshwari 3/9) lost to India 114/1 in 11 ovs (Shafali 60, Smriti 48 n.o)

EXPRESS READ

Bangladesh blunders gift NZ ODI series win

CHRISTCHURCH: New Zealand secured a series-clinching five-wicket win in the second ODI against Bangladesh after a string of fielding errors dashed the tourists' hopes. Black Caps skipper Tom Latham scored an unbeaten 110 after being dropped twice with New Zealand chasing 272. New Zealand batsman Jimmy Neesham was also given a life, with the errors undoing Bangladesh's good work in making 271 for six.

Navin, Karthika score upset wins

BENGALURU: Navin Sundaram and Karthika Padma Kumar scored upset wins enroute to the quarters of boys and girls categories in the MAT-AITA CS7 U-14 tennis tournament here on Tuesday. Navin blanked second seed Manav Siyal 6-0, 6-0 while Karthika was a 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 winner over second seed Sangita Raman.

Transfer ban on SC East Bengal revoked

KOLKATA: The appeals committee of the All India Football Federation on Tuesday revoked the two-window transfer ban imposed on SC East Bengal, an official said. "We can sign players now...," an SCEB official said.

FEEDER SYSTEM

Gokulam coach backs I-League players for India duty

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

EVER since losing its status as the top division of the country to the Indian Super League (ISL), the I-League has primarily acted as a feeder system that provides players to the ISL clubs. After cutting their teeth in the league, many Indian players make the crossover to the ISL.

The current I-League season has unearthed some exciting talents like Gokulam Kerala FC's Emil Benny or TRAU FC's Bidyashagar Singh. But none of these players found a place in the Indian national team squad as all the players selected were from the ISL. India are set to play Oman and UAE in two friendlies on March 25 and March 29, respectively.

Gokulam coach Vincenzo Alberto Annese feels that it is time for the national team coach Igor Stimac to start picking players from the I-league.

"I see that all the players that go to the national team are from the ISL. I would actually like to invite the coach (Stimac) to come and see us because there are a lot of quality players in the I-League. It is disappointing there is not one player from the I-League," said Annese.

The I-league has managed to retain its competitive edge over the years and the title will once again be decided on the final day with Gokulam, Manipuri outfit TRAU FC and Goan side Churchill Brothers all tied at the top.

Gokulam coach Vincenzo Alberto Annese

While Annese is on the cusp of history as he could become the first coach to guide a Kerala outfit to the I-League title, the Italian coach wants the players to get opportunities and visibility. "It is important to develop football in the country and this league also has a part to play in that. I wish at least one player from the I-League gets called up going forward. You can look and see that there are some good players like (Bryce) Miranda from Churchill Brothers or Emil of Gokulam," he said.

There were widespread calls to include TRAU striker Bidyashagar, who has 11 goals to his name and is in contention for the golden boot as he leads the scoring charts.

Overlooking Bidyashagar came as a surprise as Stimac had even raised concerns previously that there was a lack of depth in the striking department. The 23-year-old is enjoying a stellar season and one of the highlights of his season was scoring back-to-back hat-tricks against Mohammedan SC and Real Kashmir.

If he wins the golden boot, he will become only the second Indian to achieve the feat after Sunil Chhetri, who won it in the 2013-14 season. "The likes of TRAU and Mohammedan have so many players and it is important to spot these players and give them opportunities," concluded Annese.

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Short term e-Tender Invitation

KSMCL invites short term e-Tender for sand extraction from G Nagenahalli sand block No. **BLY-OSB-2** & B D Halli sand block No. **BLY- OSB-1**, Bellary District

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1.	Pre bid Meeting	Date: 30.03.2021, 11:30 AM., Place: KSMCL, Bengaluru.
2.	Last date and time for submission of Tender document	06.04.2021 upto 5.00 PM
3.	Date and time of opening of Technical Bid	08.04. 2021 at 11.00 AM

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AstraZeneca stumbles again over trial data

Prominent US official Dr Fauci says he was 'stunned' after company included outdated information in the press release of its study

MEDICINE

LONDON: AstraZeneca's release on Monday of encouraging data about its coronavirus vaccine from its U.S. trial raised hopes that the drug company could put a troubled rollout behind it. But just hours after its announcement, American officials issued an unusual statement expressing concern the company had included "outdated information" from its study and that it may have provided "an incomplete view of the efficacy data."

Coupled with earlier missteps in reporting data and a recent blood clot scare, experts said the new stumble could cause lasting harm to the shot that is key to global efforts to stop the pandemic and erode vaccine confidence.

"I doubt it was (US officials') intention to deliberately undermine trust in the AstraZeneca vaccine," said Dr. Paul Hunter, a professor of medicine at the University of East Anglia. "But this will likely cause more vaccine hesitancy."

Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), told *Stat News* that he "was sort of stunned" after seeing the AstraZeneca press release. "The data safety and monitoring board were concerned that the data that went into the press release by AZ was not the most accurate and up-to-date data. That is what the DSMB communicated to AZ in a rather harsh note. Having seen that letter we could not just let it go unanswered."

"We just felt we could not remain silent. Because if we did remain silent, we could be understandably accused of covering something up. And we definitely didn't want to be in that position."

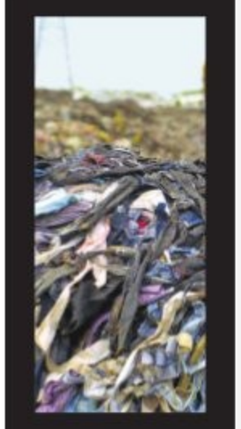
"In my mind, it's an unforced error by the company," Fauci was quoted as saying.

AstraZeneca said on Tuesday that the results it released a day earlier included information through Feb. 17 but appeared to be consistent with more up-to-date data. It promised an update within 48 hours. Those results showed its shot, distributed in India as Covishield, was about 79% effective in stopping symptomatic Covid-19 and that there were no severe illnesses or hospitalisations among vaccinated volunteers, compared with five such cases in participants who received dummy shots.

The back-and-forth over the latest release is not the first time the company has run into problems. Partial results from its first major trial — which Britain used to authorize the vaccine — were clouded by a manufacturing mistake that researchers didn't immediately acknowledge. Insufficient data about how well the vaccine protected older people led some countries to initially restrict its use to younger populations before reversing course. And U.S. officials suspended an AstraZeneca study for an unusual six weeks while they sought details about problems reported in Britain before deciding the vaccine wasn't to blame.

Then last week, more than a dozen countries temporarily halted their use of the AstraZeneca shot after reports of rare blood clots in some people who received it. The European Medicines Agency concluded the shot did not increase the overall incidence of clots, but the unwanted attention appears to have left a mark.

In Norway, a top official warned it might not be able to resume its use of the vaccine because so many people were rejecting it. "People clearly say that they do not want the AstraZeneca vaccine," said Marte Kvittum Tangen, head of a Norwegian doctors' association.



HOW FASHION IS HARMING THE PLANET

A 2019 study by the UN Alliance for Sustainable Fashion found that fashion was the second-biggest consumer of water

8-10%

of global emissions fashion is responsible for — more than all international flights and maritime shipping combined

A file image of young climate activists protesting global leaders' inaction on Earth's ongoing climate crisis, in Australia | AFP

EXFILE • CLIMATE

FASHION DOESN'T WALK THE TALK ON ENVIRONMENTAL TARGETS

Fashion's biggest firms are making slow progress in meeting much-publicised promises to improve their environmental and social impact, according to a damning sustainability report released on Monday

FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND REPORT

The inaugural Sustainability Index by the Business of Fashion magazine, the first to offer direct comparisons between the industry's top firms, found they were often falling far short of their ambitious rhetoric on going green

"The global economy has 10 years to avoid catastrophic climate change and an urgent duty to improve the welfare of the workers who make it tick," said the report, which was put together by a panel of sustainability experts from around the world

15 COMPANIES

in fashion were graded across six areas: Transparency, emissions, water and chemicals, materials, workers' rights and waste

Disappointing performance

Not one company scored more than 50 out of 100, with Swiss firm Richemont and US firm Under Armor faring worst with scores of just 14 and nine overall. The best performers were French luxury house Kering and Nike

We have been stuck with the current state of play for more than 10 years and the discourse is still way ahead of the action. No matter how many committees are set up in factories, they are just not working. Commitments to a living wage are meaningless if buying prices do not cover the cost of living wages

Anannya Bhattacharjee of the Asia Floor Wage Alliance was quoted as saying in the report

Textile trash

The worst results were on the issue of waste, with the report citing a recent Ellen MacArthur Foundation study that found 40 million tonnes of textiles were sent to landfills or incinerated every year

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Only four companies had a time-bound target to replace oil-based polyester -- the most commonly-used fabric in the world -- with recycled alternatives

NOT MAKING THE CUT SUSTAINABILITY SCORES FOR EACH COMPANY AND VERTICAL IN THE BUSINESS OF FASHION INDEX (SCORES CALCULATED IN PERCENTAGES)

Prince Harry joins mental fitness startup

TECHNOLOGY

SAN FRANCISCO: Britain's Prince Harry on Tuesday became the first chief "impact officer" of a San Francisco startup that combines coaching and computing to sharpen the mental fitness of employees.

As a member of the BetterUp team, the Duke of Sussex will champion the importance of maximising human potential worldwide, according to chief executive Alexi Robichaux.

"I firmly believe that focusing on and prioritizing our mental fitness unlocks potential and opportunity that we never knew we had inside of us," Prince Harry said in a BetterUp blog post.

"As the Royal Marine Commandos say, 'It's a state of mind.' We all have it in us."

BetterUp bills itself as the global leader in mobile-based coaching, counseling and mentorship.

The startup's platform combines behavioral science, artificial intelligence, and human coaching to optimize personal growth and professional development, according to the company.

BetterUp last month announced it had raised $125 million in funding at a valuation of $1.73 billion.

A list of the startup's clients included NASA, Chevron, Mars, Genentech, Snap, and Warner Media.

SERENE GLIDE

A man rows his yellow-and-red *shikara* amid rains at Dal Lake in Srinagar on Tuesday | PTI

Roche-Regeneron antibody drug shows promising result

MEDICINE

ZURICH: A large new study adds evidence that quick use of a drug with antibodies to fight Covid-19 can help prevent serious illness.

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals says tests in more than 4,000 recently diagnosed patients found its two-antibody combo drug cut the risk of hospitalization or death by 70%. All in the study were outpatients and at risk of developing serious illness because of age or other health conditions such as obesity or high blood pressure. The drug also cut the median recovery time from 14 days to 10.

The drug's benefits were similar at half of the dose allowed in the USunder emergency use provisions. The company says it would ask regulators to allow the lower dose, too.

The results haven't been published or reviewed by independent scientists yet. The drug is given once, through an IV, and the company also is testing it in shot form.

Previously, Eli Lilly announced that its two-antibody treatment also reduced the risk of hospitalization or death in similar patients. Roche noted that the treatment is the only monoclonal antibody combination which remains effective when confronted with the major variants.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Inhaled vax in clinical trials

Representational image

MEDICINE

China's drug authority has approved for clinical trials an inhaled Covid-19 vaccine co-developed by domestic firm CanSino Biologics, the company said. The move comes after the National Medical Products Administration gave another CanSino vaccine conditional approval last month, allowing it for public use. China currently has five coronavirus vaccines that have been given conditional market approval or allowed for emergency use, but none of these are administered by inhalation. CanSino said in its latest filing on the Hong Kong stock exchange that the vaccine was jointly developed by the company and the Beijing Institute of Biotechnology, adding that their clinical trial application got the green light on Monday.

Warning over forest fires

ENVIRONMENT

The vast Russian region of Siberia will face hot and dry weather this year leading to more forest fires, forecasters said on Tuesday, linking the blazes to climate change. Devastating forest fires have ripped across Siberia with increasing regularity over the past few years, which the country's weather officials and environmentalists have linked to climate change and an underfunded forest service. Asked if Russia will see its winters shrink in the coming years due to warming temperatures, Roman Vilfand, head of science at Russia's weather service, noted that while that is already happening, the main challenge of global warming is dealing with increasingly cataclysmic weather events.

Honouring heroic nurses

ART

A painting by the British street artist Banksy sold for a record £16.75 million on Tuesday, with proceeds going to benefit state health service staff. The painting, "Game Changer", sold to an unnamed buyer for £14.4 million plus costs -- the highest ever for a Banksy painting -- after fierce bidding at Christie's auction house in London. The signed oil painting by the elusive artist shows a boy holding aloft a nurse doll while Batman and Superman figures are consigned to a bin. It first appeared at Southampton General Hospital on England's south coast, during the first wave of the global coronavirus crisis in May last year. The artist -- who first emerged out of Bristol's graffiti scene in southwest England in the 1990s – left a note with the painting thanking hospital staff for their work battling the pandemic. Proceeds from the auction will go to NHS charities. "It is a Game Changer in every sense," the auctioneer said of the painting.

GREEN SPACES

New research quantifies benefits of natural soundscapes

ENVIRONMENT

WASHINGTON: Stressed out by the pandemic? Spending more time in green spaces might be just what the doctor ordered, according to a study that quantifies the health benefits of natural sounds, from improved mood and cognitive performance to decreased heart rate and sensitivity to pain.

The paper was led by Rachel Buxton, a conservation biologist at Canada's Carleton University, and published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

"We tend to look at the acoustic environment from the perspective of noise pollution and how it disturbs wildlife, and how it has effects on visitors to parks and human health," she said. "A lot of us conservation biologists are really interested in the inverse of that: what are the health benefits of natural acoustic environments?"

Buxton and her colleagues carried out a literature review to statistically analyze the patchwork of prior research in the area, which was mostly carried out in lab or hospital settings with sounds played to volunteers by headphones.

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The rest measured potential precursors along the pathway to health, including metrics of perception, mood, and cognitive performance.

Overall, there was an 184% improvement in health and other positive affect outcomes in the groups exposed to natural sounds relative to comparison groups.

The natural sounds also led to a 28% decrease in stress and annoyance.

Among the natural sounds played to the volunteers, the sound of water had the highest impact, followed by birdsong, then a mix of both.

The team also examined audio recordings from 68 US national parks recorded over the past 15 years at 221 different locations. Across all sites, water sounds were audible 23% of the time and bird sounds could be heard 42% of the time.

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DAY'S DIARY

Movie release

Wuthering Heights, an American dramatic film, released on this day in 1939. It is an adaptation of Emily Brontë's acclaimed novel of the same name

PLOT

Wuthering Heights is a wild, passionate tale of the intense and demonic love between Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff, allegedly a Gypsy foundling adopted by Catherine's father, Mr Earnshaw

OSCARS

The film was not a big financial success when it released. It had to be re-released several years later to earn a profit. It won the Oscar for Best Cinematography in Black & White in 1940

THE DIRECTOR

The film was directed by William Wyler, who is known for so-called prestige pictures based on novels or plays. This film starts with the 17th chapter of the book

120 fresh faces to share screen space with Puneeth Rajkumar

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FREEDOM & FLOW

Members of the Onslaught Crew

Youngsters are finding a new sense of liberation, expression and kinship through street dance styles like Afro and dance hall

Alisha Ajit and (inset) Rushil Banerjee

MONIKA MONALISA

Yavi Chavan learnt ballet while growing up but for the past five years, she has been into street style dancing. Now, she says, there's no turning back. Chavan is just one among many who is taking to street style dancing. Be it locking, popping or just going with the flow, this styles of movement expression is gaining popularity particularly among millennials, who are opting for Afro, dance hall and hip hop.

Ask 21-year-old Chavan what drew her towards this dance form and pat comes the reply: The music and lyrics. "These dance styles stand for freedom and liberation, which helps dancers express their emotions better. You can connect to the music and lyrics and sometimes, they take you back to an incident or trauma, which you can now express through movement," explains Chavan, who has been learning hip hop for the past five years. She also does dance hall, which hails from Jamaica. With an initial background in ballet, Chavan finds "drastic differences" between the two dance forms. "Ballet is all about straight lines and postures but freestyle has some basic movements. One is free to add their individuality to it," says Chavan. The interior design student from Mount Carmel College is a part of Onslaught Crew, which went viral in September when they posted a dance routine on their Instagram page.

Rushil Banerjee, a 26-year-old dancer and choreographer, has also found this to be a growing trend but wishes people went deeper into the dance form. "People love the sense of freedom they feel while performing this form. But sometimes, you have to know the history of the song and where it comes from to know better," says Banerjee, who originally hails from Kolkata. Now, he teaches street style dance in Bengaluru, where he has been residing for the past year.

Many even believe the dance form to be a great way to shed those extra kilos that came about as a side effect of the lockdown. Alisha Ajit, who is a part of Chennai-based dance crew Afrontal Dance, says the music in street style is so positive that people don't mind losing track of time. Afrontal Dance will be performing at Sherlock Skydeck, MG road on March 28.

"In other forms of exercise, you tend to be conscious of time but here, you just go with the flow," says the 27-year-old, adding this form of dance is also helpful for mental health. "It is about sharing energy with people. The year has been so tough that people have new-found appreciation for a sense of community. It has become a special feeling for them to connect with people, even if they don't know them personally," says Ajit.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

QUESTIONS

1. Poet and Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's first visit to Bengaluru was in 1919. He gave lectures and attended events and stayed at the Balabrooie Guest House. During his last visit in 1928, he stayed in the city for three weeks and completed two notable works in Bengali – *Shesher Kabita* and *Jogajog*. In the '70s, BDA formed a new residential layout which is named after the poet. Name the locality.

2. Name the book, an autobiography by Winston Churchill published in 1930, which has a chapter titled 'Education in Bangalore'. It describes his days and is an account of events during his stay in Bengaluru as a young army officer.

3. Name the iconic landmark bridge built in the '80s across a prominent road in the heart of city for private access to a five-star hotel. It is perhaps the only privately built bridge in the city.

STYLE AND THE CITY
Sarayu Hegde

Scanning sustainability at Fashion Week '21

Payal Pratap's 'Room With A View' collection

Last week witnessed an exciting new edition in fashion – the collaboration of two pioneering bodies of Indian fashion for the very first time – Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) X Lakmé Fashion Week (LFW) jointly organised by Lakmé & RISE Worldwide (formerly IMG Reliance). It created a unified fashion week, a platform that represents talent and inclusivity, with a vision to promote and unite Indian fashion for the common good of all . The five-day visual extravaganza's phygital (physical and digital) show was a stellar line-up of designers, from the opening virtual show act by ace couturier Anamika Khanna to physical drive-in shows by House of Masaba, and more.

The high point for me was the spotlight on sustainability day. From bringing designers and cluster collaborations to revive craft to using materials like discarded tarpaulins, denim industry per-consumer waste and creating cutting-edge couture, it was sustainable innovation at its finest.

Among the highlights of the sustainable virtual shows was Delhi-based designer Payal Pratap's collection 'Room with a View'. It included maxi dresses, saree dresses, riddled with peplum sleeves, gathers and hand-woven details woven in fabrics like Chanderi, handwoven cotton, and cotton wool. Rich shades of plum, ruby, auburn autumn and ochre set the tone of the colour palette with Payal's signature cross stitch motifs and hand embroidered sequence which made an appearance in the collection.

The 'All about India' show by RISE Worldwide featured three reputed fashion labels who were conscious and craft-centric in their make. This season Chola, Khanijo and Huemn took on the virtual runway with their gender fluid, seasonless collections, where models walked to the beat of a rap about sustainable fashion by musician Agsy, breaking stereotypes associated with sustainable fashion.

PETA brand ambassadors and fitness enthusiasts Milind Soman and Ankita Konwar featured in a short film titled *Killer Looks Without Killing Animals* with a vegan and leather-free wardrobe going from athleisure to date night outfits, thereby highlighting the film's title.

The third edition of the Circular Design Challenge (CDC) by R|Elan fashion in partnership with United Nations Environment Programme promoted brands whose design innovations were rooted in circularity in fashion and a more eco-friendly world. Among the six finalists, Nece Gene's reusable denim to couture garments or the scarves which become totes by Anitha Shankar's Totescarf were some of the environmental champions of tomorrow who are bringing about the much-needed revolution in the fashion industry today.

From upcycled and recycled to zero waste garments, the future of true fashion should stand to challenge, change and move from trend to transitional.

(The writer is a lifestyle consultant and mindful fashion advocate)

CITY READ

Event looks at challenges women face

315Work Avenue, a coworking space provider, recently hosted an event, 'No Filter' as part of 'Womenia 2021'. The gathering featured women personalities from diverse domains who discussed the challenges women face across domains. The women who were a part of the event included Aruna Kantharaj, trainer, offline sales and operations; Deepti Chandy, COO, Anna Chandy and Associates; and Anita Tejwani, influencer marketer.

ALL FOR A GOOD PAWS

SANATH PRASAD

Do you worry about how your pups may interact with other dogs during play dates? Do you get tense about how they get out of control? This workshop will alleviate concerns like these. Collar Club, which offers services in training and doggy spa treatments, and **Karthik Ramasubramanian**, a city-based canine behaviourist, are collaborating to hold a puppy socialisation workshop this Sunday. The two-hour session will help puppies adapt and respond to a social environment.

Ramasubramanian, who will be moderating the event, says "Many pet owners don't understand the nuances in training a pet. They leave their pets with other dogs and their behaviour goes out of control. This workshop aims to undo that."

Tara James, co-founder of Collar Club, says, "Many pets get aggressive when they see strangers or feel threatened due to unnatural sounds. Here, we help them comply with such situations."

The session has a line-up of activities like puppy socialisation, training exercises, dog-human socialisation and dog-dog socialisation. "We will make the puppies run in two concentric circles. Owners will be required to manage pets of other families to test the puppy's body language skills," says Ramasubramanian.

The event will take place at Collar Club, Ulsoor on March 28, 10am to 12pm. Tickets: ₹1,000

MANGO SPECIAL

Summer is here, which means it's time to indulge in mangoes. In light of this, a city-based Bengali restaurant will serve dishes, drinks and desserts made using raw mango, like Aam Pora Sharbat, Aam Chanar Cutlet, Aam Kashundi Begun, etc. **Where:** Esplanade, Indiranagar **When:** Ongoing

Pop of colour

Celebrate the festival of colours with an array of dumplings, assembled using all-natural vegetable puree. The menu includes Charcoal Prawn Dumplings made using squid ink, Mandarin River Sole dumplings, Wild Mushroom Purple Dumplings, and more. **When:** March 24 - 31, **Where:** Sriracha, UB City and Indiranagar

LITERARY EVENT

Ranga Shankara will hold a literary event focussed on playwright and director Abhishek Majumdar. The event will celebrate the launch of his three English plays - *The Djinns of Eidgah, Harlesden High Street*, and *Pah-La*. **When:** March 28, 11am **Where:** Ranga Shankara , JP Nagar

BIRYANI TIME

Ssaffron is bringing together 'Flavours of Royalty', a special biryani menu from across the country. It will offer Ambur Mutton Biryani, Bhavnagri Chilli Bharvan Biryani, Mughlai Murgh Biryani and more. **When:** Till March 28 **Where:** Shangri-La Hotel, Bengaluru, Palace Road

PLAY TIME: WATCH KANNADA PLAY 'OND SECOND', WHICH IS A ONE-MAN SHOW. WHEN & WHERE: MARCH 30, 7.30PM, RANGA SHANKARA, JP NAGAR

Retail therapy

The Souled Store now has a new Supima collection for men and women, available in summer colours like white, peach, lavender, navy blue and pink. **Where:** thesouledstore.com

Bow-wow

Check out this 4-course brunch, designed specially for your furry friends. **When:** March 28 **Where:** Trippy Goat Cafe & Wine, Hatworks Boulevard Off Cunningham Road

Gig alert

Watch blues band Soulmate perform at this virtual gig. JioSaavn Pro Subscribers can head over to the pro-reward section on their JioSaavn application. Or you can also buy tickets on Insider.in **When:** March 25, 8pm onwards

MEDITERRANEAN DELIGHT

Foodhall's new Mediterranean Cafe Menu features Za'atar Avo Toast, Herb Mushroom Talleggio Toast, Marrakesh Couscous Bowl, and more. These new dishes can be paired them with Frozen Hot Chocolate and Passion fruit and Thyme Lemonade. **When:** Ongoing **Where:** Foodhall@1MG, MG Road

Young talent music fest

The Bharatiya Samagana Sabha is organising Namasthubhyam, a 'young talent music festival'. It is dedicated to young musicians and the performers include Uthara Unnikrishnan, Spoorthi Rao, Rahul Vellal and Nandini Gaikwad. When: March 27 and 28, **Where:** Chowdiah Memorial Hall **Tickets:** BookMyShow.

Happy feet

Bugatti has recently unveiled their Spring-Summer collection 2021. Their women's collection includes white silver leather oxford, rose reptile print platform sneakers, pastel-coloured lace-up sneakers and Cognac mules. They are priced from ₹6,499 to ₹7,999. **Available at:** www.iconicindia.com

Online exhibition

InKo Centre presents Chaekgado - constructing and de-constructing perspectives, an exhibition by Lim Soosik at Prism, in their virtual gallery. Chaekgado or chaekgeori refers to still-life paintings, mainly books and other related objects such as decorative bibelot, antiques, stationery and flowers. The exhibition can be viewed online till March 31 at www.inkocentre.org/Virtual_Connect_Infotainment.html

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

KWIK VEG KORMA

INGREDIENTS

- **Chopped mixed vegetables:** 1 cup
- **Tomatoes:** 2, large ■ **Onion:** 1
- **Capsicum:** 1, small
- **Grated coconut:** 2 tbsp
- **Garlic:** 4 or 5 pods ■ **Cloves:** 4 or 5
- **Oil:** 2 tbs
- **Curry leaves**
- **Salt** to taste
- **Turmeric powder, garam masala and chilli powder**: 1/2 tsp each

METHOD

- Grind coconut, garlic and cloves to a smooth paste. Keep aside.
- Steam cook the vegetables. Keep aside.
- Blanche and puree the tomatoes. Keep aside.
- Heat oil in pan. Add onion, curry leaves and capsicum. Toss on medium heat till onion is translucent.
- Add the three powders and lower the flame.
- Add tomato puree, cooked vegetables and salt. Mix well. Simmer for two minutes.
- Add the coconut paste, stir to blend well.
- Remove from stove when korma starts bubbling. Serve hot.

— Laxmi Vijaya, Bengaluru

SOUND BOARD

THE MUSAFIR STORIES- INDIA TRAVEL PODCAST

The Musafir Stories talks about iconic and, in fact, all sorts of travel destinations. The podcast series is hosted by Saif Omar and Faiza Khan who talk to fellow travellers about their various adventures across India. It sounds like a good, authentic conversation between people and is quite informative as well.

- Available on Spotify

MAED IN INDIA

Maed in India prides itself on being India's first indie music podcast and features conversations with, well, independent musicians from India and abroad. From unreleased music to unknown music stories, they have it all. It's great for discovering new music, too.

- Available on Spotify

VANAKKAM MAKKALE

Perspectives of diasporic Tamils from Germany, for the world to hear. It is a weekly podcast by Nanda and Karthik, two professionals from two different fields coming together to showcase their little known humor and also to discuss on some very serious topics.

- Available on Apple Podcasts

THE SANDIP ROY SHOW

What makes people tick? What are the stories they carry with them? In a world of shouting heads, veteran journalist, radio commentator and novelist Sandip Roy sits down to have real conversations about the fascinating world around us and the people who shape it. Catch these engaging interviews every other Sunday.

- Available on Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KHUSHI KHUSHIYAGI

Raj, who belongs to an affluent family, meets Priya at an event and is spellbound by her beauty. He loses her number, which leads to a string of confusions.

- Cast: Ganesh, Amulya, Nandini Rai

MR AIRAVATA

Airavata, a farmer who was wronged by a few corrupt police officers, decides to take matters into his own hands and joins the police force through wrong means.

- Cast: Darshan, Urvashi Rautela, Prakash Raj

JAANU

Siddarth helps Rukmini reach home when she runs out of money on a trip. Rukmini's family attack Siddarth, but welcome him after learning the truth. Both fall in love, but a surprise awaits them.

- Cast: Yash, Deepa Sannidhi, Rangayana Raghu

JODI

Kannan falls in love with Gayathri but both decide to win the hearts of each other's family members and marry with their consent.

- Cast: Prashanth, Simran, Nassar, Trisha

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 QUEST 17 – THE NATURE OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS

What is extinction? Why does it make some animals disappear? What happens when species are introduced into a new environment? Explore the causes of biodiversity loss, and the role humans play in recent extinctions in this video by Jennifer Klos.

2 THE INFINITE LIFE OF PI - REYNALDO LOPES

The ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter is always the same: 3.14159...forever. This irrational number, pi, has an infinite number of digits, so we'll never figure out its exact value no matter how close we seem to get. Reynaldo Lopes explains pi's vast applications to the study of music, financial models, and even the density of the universe.

3 WHAT COVID-19 REVEALED ABOUT US SCHOOLS — AND 4 WAYS TO RETHINK EDUCATION BY NORA FLANAGAN

Educator Nora Flanagan says we can reframe this moment as an opportunity to fix what's long been broken for teachers, students and families, and shares four ways schools can reinvent themselves.

4 4 TIPS TO KICKSTART HONEST CONVERSATIONS AT WORK BY BETSY KAUFFMAN

Leadership and organisation coach Betsy Kauffman shows how to bring the candid conversations that usually happen at the watercooler out into the open with four practical strategies you can implement right now to have honest, transparent discussions with your colleagues.

5 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BIOLOGY BECOMES TECHNOLOGY BY CHRISTINA AGAPAKIS

In this awe-inspiring talk, biological designer Christina Agapakis details her work in synthetic biology and shares how breaking down the boundaries between science, society, nature and technology can lead us to imagine different possible futures.

FIT BIT

BHAIRAVA MUDRA

(GESTURE OF THE MEDITATION & PRANAYAMA)

In Sanskrit, 'Bhairava' means frightful and 'mudra' means gesture. It is a symbolic, ritualistic gesture of the hands often used in a spiritual yoga practice to produce a balanced energy flow during meditation. It is considered a natural gesture that brings harmony to the body's energy flow during meditation and pranayama practice. When the hand positions are reversed (where the left hand is positioned on top of the right hand), it is believed to activate consciousness and manifestation. Within Tantric texts and yoga practice, it is considered the ultimate mudra, where individual awareness is unified in the mind and body — both the inward and outward self are one. It enables you to focus your mind.

STEPS

- Sit in any comfortable seating posture and place the hands on your knees or thighs with palm facing upwards.
- Close your eyes, take some deep breaths with the awareness of the breathing process.
- Put your right hand on the top of your left hand at the base of the abdomen with palms facing up.
- When you place your right hand over the left hand, it is known as Bhairava mudra. When reversed it is called Bhairavi mudra.
- Removing all thoughts, the mind has to focus only on Om.
- Maintian the speed of breath.
- Do this pose for 45 minutes at a stretch every day or for 10 to 15 minutes three times a day.

BENEFITS

- Balances both hemispheres of the brain.
- Alleviates opposite forces in mind and body.
- Instantly relieves stress and mood swings.
- Brings calm, peace, and inner stillness to realise the sense of wholeness.
- Preserves the secretion of nectar which further helps in kundalini awakening.
- Helps in retaining semen and even moving it upwards in the form of seminal energy.
- A remedy for premature ejaculation.
- Aids the formation of 'Ojas' shakti in the brain which leads to the state of Urdhvareta.
- Stimulates and activates all the five elements, chakras, prana and doshas, hence keeping the body disease-free.
- Instils unity and wisdom.
- Balances the Prana Vata and Apana Vata, balancing the Prana-Apana axis.

LIMITATIONS

- Our two hands represent Ida and Pingala Nadis, i.e. masculine and feminine energy channels. It may bring hormonal changes in men.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

WEEKEND (Kannada)
It revolves around techies with and without employment. Among these two groups, Ajay is raised to be good by his grandfather Anant Ram and leads a happy life. But on a particular weekend, mysterious things starts to unfold, which will change their lives.

- Cast: Milind, Sanjana Burli, Anant Nag
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

KINAVALLI (Malayalam)
Ann's surprise for her husband on their wedding anniversary gets ruined when they and their friends encounter a paranormal presence.

Cast: Surabhi Santosh, Ajmal Zayn, Vijay Johnny, Hareesh Kanaran

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SEETHARAMA KALYANA (Kannada)
Arya, a righteous man, falls in love with a small-town woman named Geetha, unaware of the obstacles that lie ahead for both of them.

Cast: Nikhil Gowda, Rachita Ram, Madhoo

- Watch on: Zee5

AVANE SRIMANNARAYANA (Kannada)
In pursuit of solving a long-held mystery of Amaravati, Narayana — the quirky new cop in the town — has to get past a dreaded clan of dacoits and its fierce leader Jairam.

- Cast: Rakshit Shetty, Shanvi Srivastava, Achyuth Kumar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

GAALI SAMPATH (Telugu)
Gaali Sampath loses his voice in an accident and unknowingly plays spoilsport in his son's love story. When his son yells at him for sabotaging his plans, a disappointed Sampath leaving home slips into a well left uncovered. How he survives in the well is the crux of the story.

Cast: Rajendra Prasad, Sri Vishnu, Lovely Singh, Satya

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

NINNILA NINNILA (Telugu)
In London, Dev, an overweight, genius chef who suffers with muscle spasms, meets Tara and love blossoms, but things take an interesting turn when he crosses paths with Maya.

Cast: Ashok Selvan, Nithya Menen, Ritu Varma, Nassar, Dave Wong

- Watch on: Zee 5

THE WIFE (Hindi)
A young married couple moves into a new house only to find themselves surrounded by haunted spirits.

Cast: Gurmeet Choudhary, Sayani Datta

- Watch on: Zee 5

FOREIGN

EYES WIDE SHUT (English)
After Dr. Bill Hartford's wife, Alice admits to having sexual fantasies about a man she met, Bill becomes obsessed with having a sexual encounter. He discovers an underground sexual group and attends one of their meetings — and quickly discovers that he is in over his head.

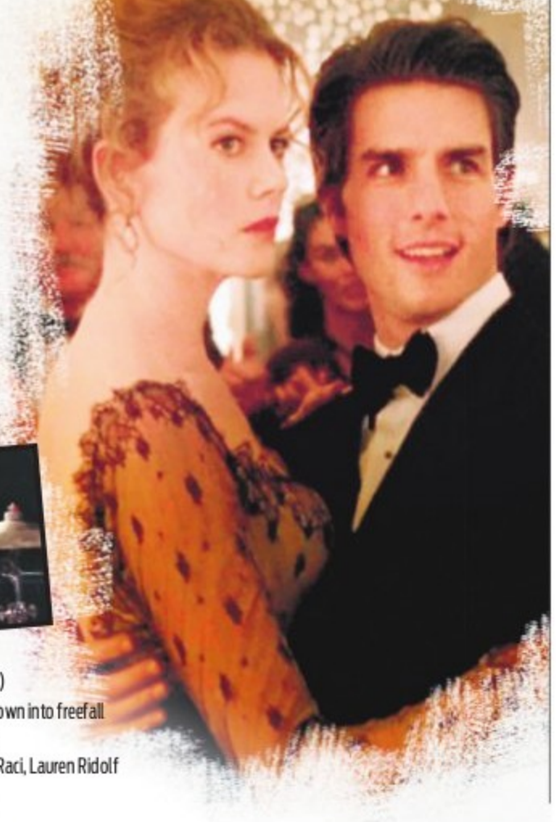
Cast: Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman, Sydney Pollack, Todd Field

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SOUND OF METAL (English)
A heavy-metal drummer's life is thrown into freefall when he begins to lose his hearing.

Cast: Riz Ahmed, Olivia Cooke, Paul Raci, Lauren Ridolf

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



WILD TALES (Spanish)
A waitress adds a special ingredient to an arrogant loan shark's meal in one of several tales dealing with extremes of human behaviour.

Cast: Ricardo Darin, Leonardo Sbaraglia, Julieta Zylberberg, Rita Cortese

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

ONE NIGHT IN MIAMI (English)
On the night of Feb. 25, 1964, in Miami, Cassius Clay joins Jim Brown, Sam Cooke and Malcom X, and they discuss the responsibility of being successful black men during the civil rights movement.

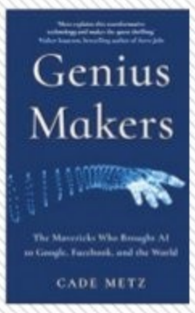
Cast: Leslie Odom Jr, Kingsley Ben-Adir, Aldis Hodge, Eli Goree

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Zee 5: ₹ 99 per month

BOOK SHELF

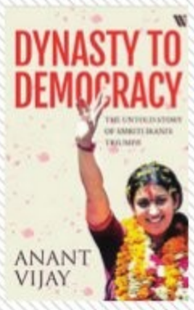


THE GENIUS MAKERS

Author: Cade Metz

Pages: 384

Initially, AI was dismissed as a technology of the distant future. Then two researchers changed everything. One was a 64-year-old computer science professor whose back problem prevented him from driving or flying. The other was a 36-year-old neuroscientist and chess prodigy. The two may have taken different journeys in their life but together, they helped catapult AI to the forefront of our daily lives. This also resulted in them creating a business that is worth billions today. This is the story of that technological revolution and of the arms race it has sparked among companies that range from Google and Facebook to OpenAI.

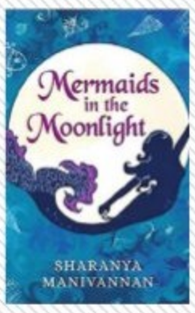


DYNASTY TO DEMOCRACY: THE UNTOLD STORY OF SMRITI IRANI'S TRIUMPH

Author: Anant Vijay

Pages: 231

Amethi has been held by the Congress since its inception as a Lok Sabha constituency in 1967. The only exception was half a dozen years in between. According to media reports and claims by Congress, the area is highly developed. But when actor Smriti Irani stepped into this constituency as the Bharatiya Janata Party candidate for the 2014 elections, people got to know more about the truth. This book aims to understand the reasons behind Irani's success in Amethi, while also exploring her political methods.



MERMAIDS IN THE MOONLIGHT

Author: Sharanya Manivannan

Pages: 40

This is an illustrated picture book meant for young readers. Its characters, Nilavoli and Amma, make a trip to a lagoon in Mattakalappu, listening to the strange sounds that rise from the water. The little Nilavoli listens in wonder and Amma tells her about folklore and tales of mermaids from around the world. Her stories include the royal mermaid Mélusine of Luxembourg, Julnar the sea-born from West Asia, the shapeshifting Menana of the Ottawa Nation, and the mermaid princess Suvarnamaccha.

NATYAREKHALU: DANCERS OF INDIA

Author: Sankara Narayana

Pages: 134

This book is the latest in the 'Rekhalu series' of portraits of eminent personalities, by Sankara Narayana. It includes pencil strokes that bring to life the different cultural influencers of dance. According to Narayana, choosing the personalities proves to be more difficult than sketching them. He often has to make multiple sketches of an artiste or refers to different photographs to capture a smile, look or an expression. Over 20 years, he has made over 3,000 such portraits.

SUCH A FUN AGE

Author: Kiley Reid

Pages: 320

Emira is apprehended at a supermarket for 'kidnapping' the white child she's actually babysitting. This one incident goes on to set off an explosive chain of events. Her employer Alix, a feminist blogger with the best of intentions, then resolves to help Emira and make things right. But Emira herself is aimless, broke and wary of Alix's desire to help. This is until a surprising connection emerges between the two women, which sends them on a journey that changes everything.

BEHIND THE (CRIME) SCENES

Ever wonder what life is like for a policeman? Find out in this new book by IPS officer Amit Lodha

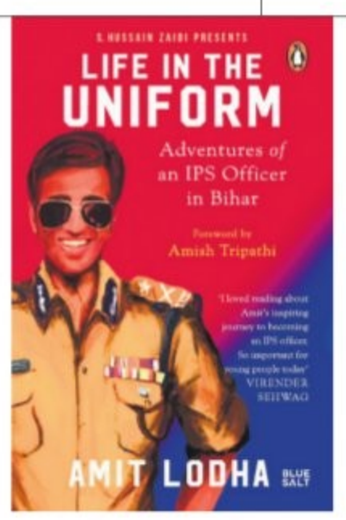
EXPRESS FEATURES

THEY says reality is stranger than fiction. Which is why IPS officer Amit Lodha, who has solved many complicated cases in Bihar, has had no dearth of inspiration while writing his second book *Life in the Uniform* (Penguin Random House, ₹299). The book gives readers a chance to experience an IPS officer's life through his own eyes. Excerpts from the interview:

Are stories written in the book inspired from your real life?
This book is filled with my personal experiences, nothing is an exaggeration or lie. These are simple straightforward stories of the life of a policeman, so in that way it's very different from books written on police officers.

Many films portray cop characters. How much of what happens in a movie happens in real life?
I hate it when people call me *Dabangg* or *Singham*. Our lives are like any normal person's. My wife gets angry with me, and sometimes I have to listen to whatever she says. I am a tough person. Otherwise for someone who has broken the law or a civilian who has done something wrong, it is my moral duty to see that things are done right. I have done encounters, killed criminals but I have never considered myself a super cop.

Tell us about your new book and how it is different from the first one you wrote.
My first book *Bihar Diaries* was about a particular case, which went on for three months. But this book is about the cases during my course of time as SP in seven districts of Bihar. It is almost a memoir of sorts. It also includes my personal experiences from when I joined the service, especially when I put on the uniform and suddenly changed from a normal person to a man in uniform. The book has stories of how I handled communal tension, Naxalite arrests, kidnapping cases, tackling pressure from bosses and politicians, etc.



Q&A

The book has a tinge of humour in it. In what ways do cops bust stress?
I actually love my job. In my line of duty I get calls only with bad news. I knew what I had signed up for, so I never see myself stressed, it sends a wrong message to my subordinates. Otherwise I do yoga, meditation and two hours of sports every day, which also helps. Not many people know but I have a decent sense of humour.

Did you feel any pressure while writing this book, especially after the success of *Bihar Diaries*?
I had no pressure at all. Having a story is one thing and putting it down on paper is another. I am not in the business of selling books. The first book was surely on my bucket list since the words came naturally to me, but I was not ready for the second book at all. But I am just glad that people like the look. As a police officer, I never thought I would get fan mails for my book.

***Bihar Diaries* is soon going to be turned into a movie. Can we expect another blockbuster from you?**
Both the books are turning into movies. Bihar Diaries is being directed by Neeraj Pandey and will be out this year.

You were an IIT graduate before you became a civil servant. What made you take this path?
In the early '90s, career options were limited. I always wanted to join the civil services and for that, I had to complete my graduation. Since I was good at mathematics and got through IIT, I thought why not finish my graduation from IIT. Of course, I had a miserable time and there were many other students who where were way more intelligent that me. The story might sound funny but it's true. Sometime you just get lucky in life.

TURNING PAGES

'I hid the machete in the folds of my sari'

I made up my mind. Yes, I would kill him, no matter what the consequences. "Bhagwan, you are my witness that, to prevent my godlike husband from going to hell, I will lay down his life at your feet like the hibiscus offerings we leave at your altar. It will be a sacrifice fit for the gods! Wipe away my sin and give me pain and suffering. In that will be my happiness!"

'One evening it had been drizzling, but the clouds had cleared up. I could see my husband sitting by himself under a tamarind tree, sanding a plank of wood. He was at the back of that horrid woman's house. I realized suddenly what to do. I looked around and saw that there was no one. I rushed like a madwoman to fetch a machete.

When the red light of the setting sun fell on it, the blade glimmered brightly. Although the sun was still shining, a soft rain started again.

I could hear a group of naked boys near my house dancing in the rain and singing:

If the rain falls when the sun is out,

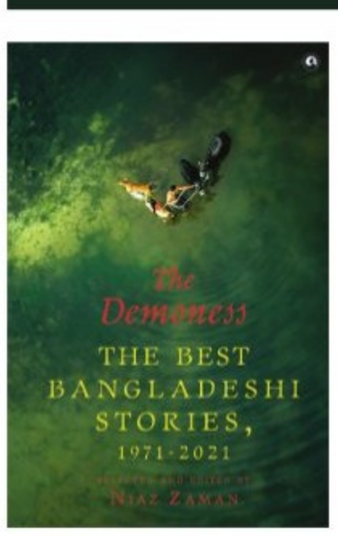
Jackals marry and tie the knot.

'I hid the machete in the folds of my sari and, like a tigress, I pounced on him. I held him down so strongly, that, though he tried to throw me off with all his might, he could not. After I struck his neck a blow, my hands froze. This gave him the chance to get away from me, and he scurried, screaming, to the nearby jute field. His screams roused me. I darted towards him and struck two more blows to his neck, decapitating him! There was blood everywhere. Blood danced all around me. I don't remember what happened after that.

'When I regained my senses after a few days, I found myself in a totally unknown place. I was surrounded by strangers. To my astonishment, I was turning a huge grindstone. After so many days, the light of the sun.... Oh, how clear and bright it was! Earlier I only saw red everywhere around me. I came to know I was in Shiuri Prison. I had been sentenced to seven years of hard labour. I had been in prison for only three months. Apparently, I had confessed everything to the magistrate. They told me I would have been given a lesser punishment if I hadn't gone to the village constable and threatened him not to terrorize the village. He had told the sahib to throw the book at me.

'Oh, my dear, they made us work so hard at the jail! Yet, Didi, as long as I didn't remember anything, I was fine. When I recovered my memories, the pain returned. Whether I was busy or not, from time to time, I would see his blood gushing out. How strongly the blood gushed out! My goodness! Even thinking about the sight still makes me faint. When the head was chopped off, the body floundered like a katla fish on dry land. I never imagined there could be so much blood in such a small human body! I was too scared to be alone in the dark, for then I would clearly see before me the headless body and the disembodied head!

Extracted from The Demoness: The Best Bangladeshi Stories, *1971-2021, selected and edited by Niaz Zaman with permission from Rupa Publications*

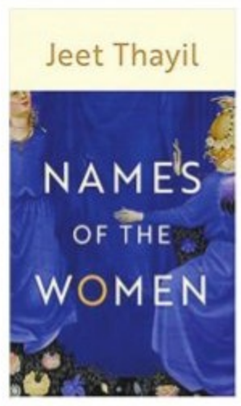


Niaz Zaman

NUGGETS

Jeet Thayil is out with another title

The Booker-shortlisted author of *Narcopolis*, Jeet Thayil is out with another book called *Names of the Women*. The novel talks about the women whose roles were suppressed, reduced, or erased in the Gospels. The book begins with Christ on the cross-addressing Mary of Magdala, asking her to bear witness to his death. As the novel unfolds, it tells the stories of fifteen 15 women whose lives overlapped with the life of Christ.

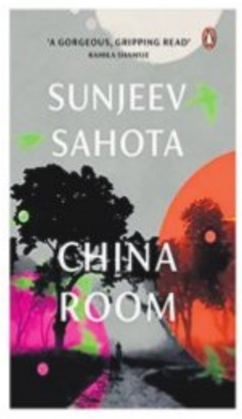


Picture books to introduce children to Parsis, Anglo-Indians

Have You Met the Parsis? and *Have You Met The Anglo Indians?* by Anastasia Damani are two new illustrated picture books on the culture and lives of lesser-known communities in India. These are the first two books in the Have You Met series (Penguin Random House India) for younger kids to know the culture and customs, the heritage and food habits, and the festivals of these communities. - IANS

Booker nominee Sunjeev Sahota's book to be out soon

China Room is a book by 2015 Booker Prize nominee Sunjeev Sahota. It is a novel about two characters separated by more than half a century but united by blood, which has been inspired in part by the authors own family history. It is to be simultaneously published by Penguin Random House India and Penguin Random House in the UK and in North America. Sahota is the author of *Ours Are the Streets* and *The Year of the Runaways*, which was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and the Dylan Thomas Prize. – IANS



URBAN BOURBON
Hriday Ranjan
Writer, comedian

Looking back at the lockdown

THIS week marks one year since the lockdown was first announced, and our lives changed forever. Going by recent history, whenever our benevolent Prime Minister asks us to assemble at 8 PM, it gives me the jitters. Over the years, we were informed about demonetisation, and attacks by Pakistan when our PM chose to address the nation at 8pm. But in March last year, we had a whiff of what was coming. We had heard of the virus, but for some reason, I assumed that it wouldn't affect India or Indians. I can't explain it succinctly, but I always thought viruses favoured the West, much like aliens in Hollywood movies. Until of course, the day we were informed about the lockdown.

This week marks one year of checking out the website – worldometers – on a daily basis, trying to make sense of statistics and numbers. A year since sanitisers and masks became a part of our daily lives. One year since WhatsApp groups began spewing venom and religious hatred. This week marks one year of assuming that it would all last for a month, and we'd go back to living our lives normally.

In the beginning of the lockdown, I looked at it like an extended holiday for the entire world. It was a childhood fantasy coming true. When I was sent back to school after my summer vacations, I would secretly pray to God to cause an epidemic so that we could all be sent home. When this was finally materialising in front of me, I remember being joyous about not sticking to timelines and deadlines. I remember having to step out once in three days to buy groceries, taking me back to life in rural Odisha.

Two entire months of the previous year were dedicated to PUBG. For someone who never plays video games, the lockdown sucked me into the game. It reached a point where I was dreaming of campaigns of strategies in my sleep. While we were all stuck indoors, the game provided a release for me – allowed me to scour through digital jungles to fight for survival. I am not one to boast, but I have a feeling if I kept at it, I could have attempted a career as a military advisor!

It's been a year since we all took paycuts, and took stock of what was important in our lives. One year since people walked to their homes, and their homes seemed like a distant utopia that couldn't be reached. One year since the way we look at the world has completely changed, and while the whole world turned upside down – the only constant in my life was this newspaper column.

For a year, I wrote about the pandemic in many different ways. Of the columns over the last year, at least 30 must be about the pandemic in some way. Writing a humour column in the midst of a global pandemic made me realise that it is possible to find humour in the little things in life. Amidst all the ups and downs in my life over the last one year, it is this column that gave me a sense of continuum, a feeling of regularity. And for that, I am grateful. Now, if only a director reads this column and decides to make a movie about my life!

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ALMOST 120 FRESH FACES TO SHARE SCREEN SPACE WITH PUNEETH RAJKUMAR

...in upcoming release *Yuvarathnaa,* which is set against a college backdrop; director Santhosh Ananddram has chosen mostly new faces, who will appear in 80 per cent of the movie

A SHARADHAA

At least 120 young boys and girls who are just out of college will make their debut in *Yuvarathnaa*. For these youngsters, it was more of a fan moment to be sharing screen space with Puneeth Rajkumar throughout the film. The film, directed by Santhosh Ananddram and slated for release on April 1, is set against a college backdrop. One shade of the Power Star will see the actor playing the role of a student. The makers, who had to create a college atmosphere, decided to opt for fresh talent instead of going ahead with junior artistes.

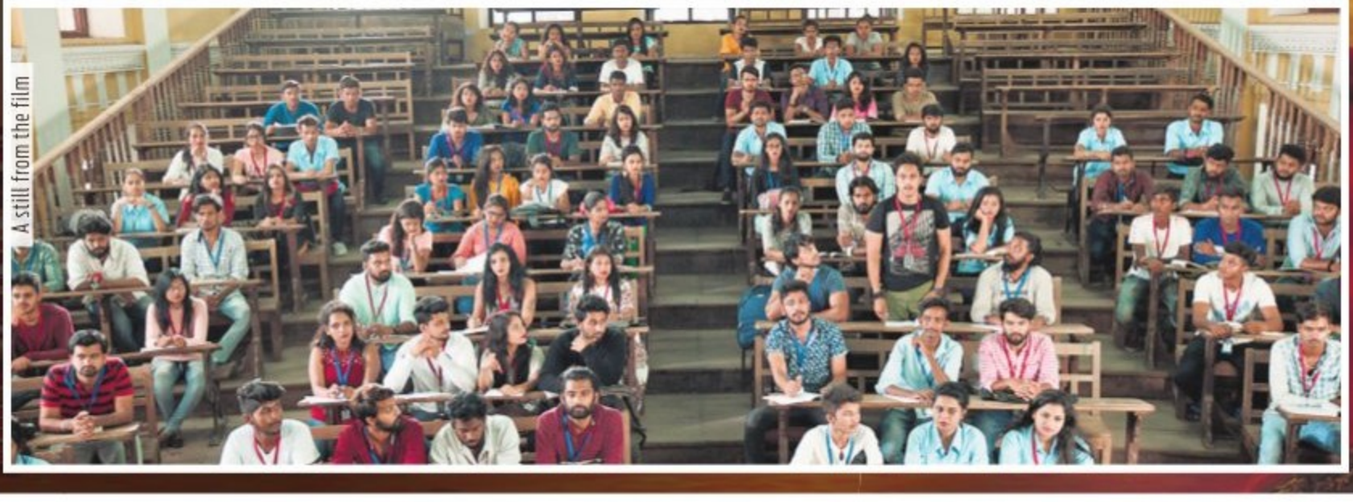
The team auditioned around 2,000 young boys and girls, out of which over 120 of them were finalised. The group was then divided into 'artistes' who would play medical, engineering and degree students. These young faces have a theatre background or have some sort of association with short filmmakers and artistes. The selected newcomers were then put through a workshop to get them ready to face the camera.

The team, which shot the film in 140 days, had freshers participating in the shoot for at least 120 days. Their portions appear in at least eighty percent of the film.

One of the most awaited films, *Yuvarathnaa,* brings together the hit combination of Puneeth, Santhosh and producer Vijay Kiragandur for the second time. The team is currently doing their promotional tour, travelling to different parts of Karnataka. Puneeth received an overwhelming reception at each place. The film will also see a simultaneous release in Telugu. Meanwhile, the team will soon be heading to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to promote the film.

The film marks the Kannada debut of Sayyeshaa. It also stars Dhananjay as the antagonist, along with Diganth, Sonu Gowda and Prakash Raj in prominent roles. While the film's music is by Thaman, it has Venkatesh Anguraj handling the camerawork.

Puneeth Rajkumar


A still from the film

Seth Rogen to star in Spielberg's directorial

CE FEATURES

SETH Rogen has been roped in to play a pivotal role in filmmaker Steven Spielberg's next feature film that is said to be based on his childhood.

The upcoming project has a script co-written by Tony Kushner, who had previously worked with Spielberg on films such as Munich and Lincoln.

Earlier, it was reported that Oscar-nominated actor Michelle Williams is in negotiations to star in the film in a major role.

While plot details are unavailable at the moment, reports state that the film will focus on the protagonist as a young child and teen, while living in Phoenix, Arizona, which is where Spielberg lived in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The film will also examine his relationship with his parents and be split across time periods.

Rogen, who most recently featured in movies such as *An American Pickle* and *The Disaster Artist,* will be essaying the role of Spielberg's uncle in the movie.

Shooting will start later this year and the film is expected to be released sometime in 2022.

The film will be produced by Spielberg, along with Kushner and Kristie Macosko Krieger.

Sathish Ninasam, Rachita Ram's *Matinee* to begin shoot today

CE FEATURES

SATHISH Ninasam and Rachita Ram-starrer *Matinee,* directed by debutant Manohar Kaampalli, will go on floors from today. The hit pair of *Ayogya* are coming together for the second time for this romantic thriller. Shoot will begin with a song sequence. The duo's song *Yennami Yennami* was on on the chartbuster list. The song, lyrics for which are penned by Chethan Kumar and directed by Mahesh Kumar, broke records. They hope to create history with one of the tracks from this film album's as well.

Matinee, bankrolled by Parvathi, had garnered attention with its first look. The film has music scored by Poorna Chandra Tejasvi while Kranthi Varla is handling the cinematography. The film's editing will be done by K M Prakash, and Nagu RK will be handling the art department.

Sathish, who has been busy juggling various projects, has completed shooting for his Tamil debut, and the talkie portions for his Kannada film, *Petromax*. He is waiting to complete shoot of two pending songs for the film directed by Vijayaprasad. Meanwhile, Rachita Ram, who is hopping between the sets of Suri's *Bad Manners* and Ajay Rao-starrer *Love You Rachuu,* will now get busy with *Matinee*. In addition, the actor has *Lilly, Veeram,* and a film with director S Ravindranath.

Rachita Ram and Sathish Ninasam

CE FEATURES

Krystle D'souza: I can never forget the day I met Amitabh Bachchan

RUMY Jafry's *Chehre* is releasing in theatres on April 9. Fronted by Amitabh Bachchan and Emraan Hashmi, the film is a mystery thriller revolving around a mock trial.

Amongst the cast, actor Krystle D'souza has bagged her first feature role with *Chehre*. Recalling the moment she met Big B for the first time on set, Krystle said, "I can never forget that day, it feels like just yesterday. I went up to him and introduced myself and he introduced himself back and I said of course I know!!! He was so warm and welcoming and so jovial at the same time. We did a few line rehearsals and went straight into the take while my mom stood in a corner teary-eyed."

Chehre is produced by Anand Pandit Motion Pictures & Saraswati Entertainment. The film also stars Annu Kapoor, Dhritiman Chatterjee, Raghubir Yadav, Siddhanth Kapoor and Rhea Chakraborty.

GOPINATH RAJENDRAN

'HAATHI MERA SAATHI CHANGED ME AS A PERSON'

RANA Daggubati expresses happiness at returning to Chennai for the promotions of his upcoming film, *Haathi Mera Saathi*. It's after all the city he was born and did his early schooling in. The actor, whose last film as a lead was back in 2017, says, "Director Prabu sir told me once that the audience does not care how long we shoot a film. Only if the film is good will they watch it. The films I have done needed their time to develop and the pandemic has taught us anyway that time is not in our control."

Excerpts:

***Haathi Mera Saathi*, being a trilingual, seems like your next big pan-Indian film after the *Baahubali* franchise.**

The difference between the other pan-Indian films I have done and *Haathi Mera Saathi* is that, here, we have shot every single scene thrice with different cast members. Most pan-Indian films take a neutral story or one that has an overarching hero-villain story. They don't get into details of the character's life, but here, we have chosen to show details. We have picked a few characters for each language while the elephant and I are constants. The character Prabu has designed for me is one with nature; it doesn't matter what language he speaks. The director even worked out how a *kumki* (trained elephant) is different from one region to another, along with cops and rangers.

My next film, *Virata Parvam,* is about an incident that happened in Telangana. So, it will be made only as a Telugu film. *Haathi Mera Saathi*, however, is a story that applies across regions.

Rana Daggubati

What can you tell us about the social impact of this film?

It will remind you of news hyou have come across; you will think of a much larger story. We have explored a zone between biopic and fiction here, and come up with great characters based on great people. For change to happen, everyone should talk about it—in an entertaining and yet, serious and informative manner. We are in a state where we need the environment, not the other way around.

Was it strenuous to shoot the same scene thrice, especially in an environment where the elements are not exactly in your control?

If we want to reach out to everybody in India, we have to localise the story in the best manner possible. This film was a wonderful experience. I am from Hyderabad, Prabu sir is from Chennai, and the rest of the cast and crew are all from different corners of the country. But the moment we stepped inside the jungle, everything changed. It didn't matter where we were from or what language we spoke. We were shooting in three languages, but the elephant didn't care (laughs). Elephants taught me that we are a part of nature. A gigantic creature like it still works every day to make sure that the jungle functions; that's something we can all learn from.

Some people know, and some don't, but I had a serious health issue a couple of years back and that occurred during the shoot of this film. Every film teaches you something, but some films change you forever in life and Kaadan is that film for me. The film changed me as a human being and my relationship with other humans. When you have such an overwhelming experience, multiple takes don't really get to you.

For a regular scene, the first shot in Tamil would take us about 15-20 takes. We would then move to Telugu and Hindi. If Prabu sir liked one of the takes better than the others, he would make us enact it in other languages. We didn't use watches; our cellphones did not work there. Without cellphones for a month, you become a different person. We left to work every day at 4:30 am because we had to be ready for the shoot at sunrise. I read somewhere that when phones had wires, they were tied down and humans were free. We probably need to get back to that soon. I don't have social media apps on my phone. I only use them from a desktop when I need it. Life is fun and peaceful this way.

Your filmography shows a desire for experimentation.

Life is filled with variety and cinema is an extension of this. I want to keep making films that are new and engaging. Whether you do a film that's about living underwater (The Ghazi Attack) or you go to a great kingdom (The Baahubali franchise) or a jungle, it should be a new experience for both the actors and the audience. As far as Kaadan is concerned, my character is one of the noblest I have played. The roles I have played are those who have fought for their country, for love or for revenge. But this man who is fighting for a jungle, for the elephants, and against society, is the greatest of all fights. Kaadan is a film that will be relevant for a long time because the importance of taking care of our environment will always be relevant. Whether you are a kid or a 70-year-old, an elephant is the same loveable creature. The jungle will intrigue you. We have packaged this all and made a big adventure film.

Would a regular rom-com not excite you anymore?

Everyone is doing that already. It's been more than a decade since I became an actor. The film I produced, Bommalata, won a National Award when I was 20, and this was a huge achievement. It did not come out in theatres though, as nobody wanted a film that was as different. I realised then that such films needed the support of a big hero or a director; that's why I got into acting Today, being able to do a trilingual with an elephant as a co-star, is a sign that what I set out to achieve is happening.